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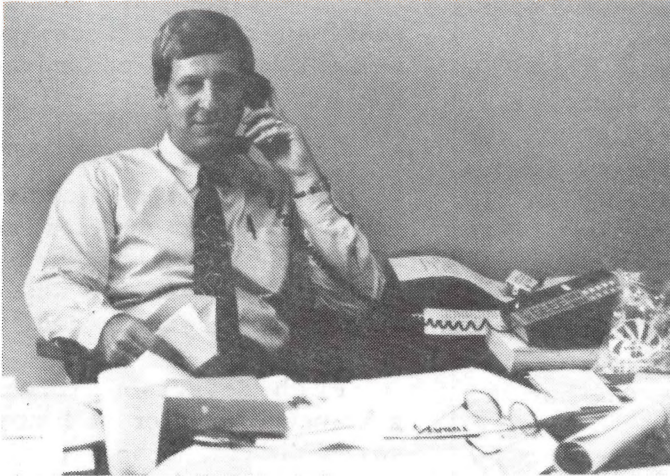
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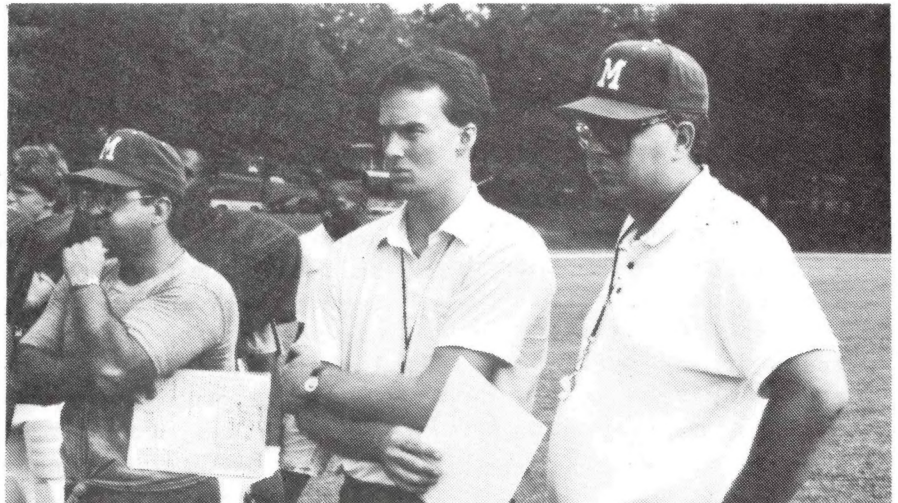
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New teachers join staff

by Chris Alley

Five new faculty members joined the staff during the summer.

Kevin Raybon will teach 9th and 10th grade science and math classes. Mr. Raybon's hiring is the result of a new math and science unit being added.

Also new this year are Julia Hixon and Rebecca Jenkins, who will teach chorus and art, respectively. Mrs. Hixon and Mrs. Jenkins come as a result of the new tax passed last fall allowing the Shelby County School System to offer music and art classes in all schools. Both teachers will split time between MHS and Montevallo Elementary School.

Replacing former librarian Ellen Rosner is Freda Williams who comes to Montevallo from Thompson High where she taught the past three years. She earned her BS degree from Jacksonville State University and her MLS at the University of Alabama.

"I would like to update the library and make it more inviting to students," she said.

Other changes have Judy Shaw as the new office receptionist, while Donna White, former receptionist, now works full time with the computer attendance and scheduling program.

Mr. Raybon earned his BS degree from Auburn University, Montgomery, and has spent the last four years at Dallas County High School.

"The people at Montevallo have been very supportive, and I'm looking forward to being part of this community," said Mr. Raybon. He will coach junior high varsity basketball and assist with football.

El-Mid News

MES gains 15 instructors

by Brooklyn White

Principal and Mrs. Jimmy Jones held a get-together for the elementary school staff Aug. 28. Fifteen new members were introduced as the employees "partied" at the Jones' home.

MES renovation which began April 1 is scheduled to be finished in late November. Seven classrooms and a library are being added.

Ruth Robertson, former guidance counselor at Montevallo Middle School, will be MES's first counselor.

Principal Johnnie McClain reports that renovation of the Middle School will begin "at the end of September."

Five teachers joined the MMS staff this fall.

Both MMS and MES staffs were guests at the MHS cafeteria for lunch Aug. 31.

It's News Downtown

City plans park singings

City officials have begun what they hope will be a tradition of Saturday Singing in the Park.

Gospel quartets and blue grass groups will perform at the gazebo in Orr Park on Saturdays (admission free) at 7 p.m.

Willie Goldsmith is the newest member of the City Council, following a special in July.

Goldsmith filled the vacancy created when George

Dailey resigned to take a seat on the Shelby County Commission.

The City Council is presently studying a proposal to begin a trash recycling program. Mayor Ralph Sears said that the program would reduce bulk and cost to the city for using the county landfill.

If the proposal is passed, the city will do curbside pickup of aluminum cans and glass containers and newspapers.

The University of Montevallo broke ground for its new \$200,000 Student Retreat July 1.

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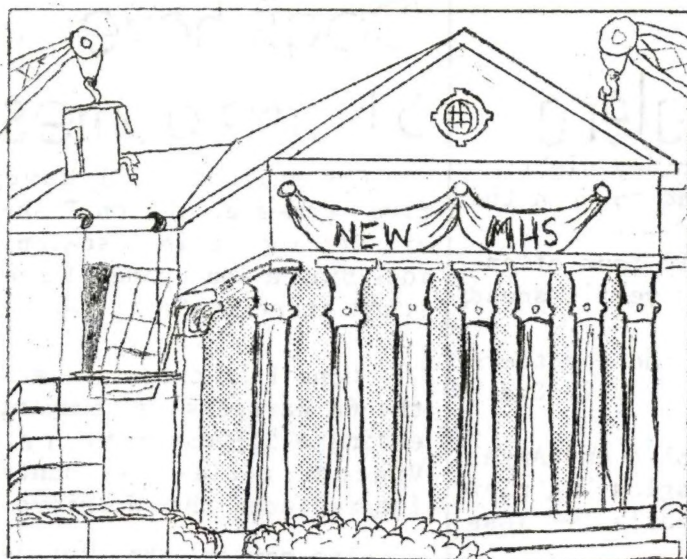
After college, he spent ten years playing professional baseball, including five years as a pitcher for the Boston Red Sox.

He then attended Northeastern University for his Master's in Administration.

"I think that this year Montevallo is going to have a lot to brag about," he said.

After eight years as principal at MHS Mr. Payne accepted the job as Director of the Shelby County Alternative School located at the old Thompson High building in Alabaster.

EDITORIALS



New era begins

A new school year is underway as MHS settles into the decade of the 90's with a number of changes.

Along with the renovations and structural additions comes new leadership under Principal Ken Tatum.

Mr. Tatum has spent the last eight weeks preparing a new master schedule, overseeing the development of new faculty and student handbooks and assisting teachers with painting their rooms.

We welcome Mr. Tatum to Montevallo and look forward to a successful year.

Protect the investment

Take Pride in Our School! MHSers will hear this slogan throughout the year as the school undergoes renovation costing taxpayers several hundred thousand dollars.

We encourage everyone to take care of the new and improved facilities.

Editorial Policy 1990-91

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Tatum stresses pride

Students:

I hope everyone had a great summer. I look forward to being your principal and having a great year.

"Take Pride in Our School" will be seen and talked about throughout the school year by the faculty, staff and student body.

The phrase not only refers to the physical facilities, but it encompasses the total school environment, from athletics to scholars' bowl competition.

Let's all work together and share the responsibilities of making Montevallo High School a school of which we can all be proud.

Ken Tatum, Principal

'Paper sets goals

This issue marks the beginning of SPOTLIGHT's 43rd year of covering the news at Montevallo High School.

The staff's goal remains the same as in the past: to provide an accurate and unbiased report of events and issues in the school and community.

SPOTLIGHT will continue to be published bi-weekly, with occasional three week issues in the effort to keep news fresh and timely.

Regular subscriptions for 16 issues are \$7.00 for the year at school; mail-outs are \$9.00.

To purchase a subscription see any staff member or Advisor Larry Haynes.

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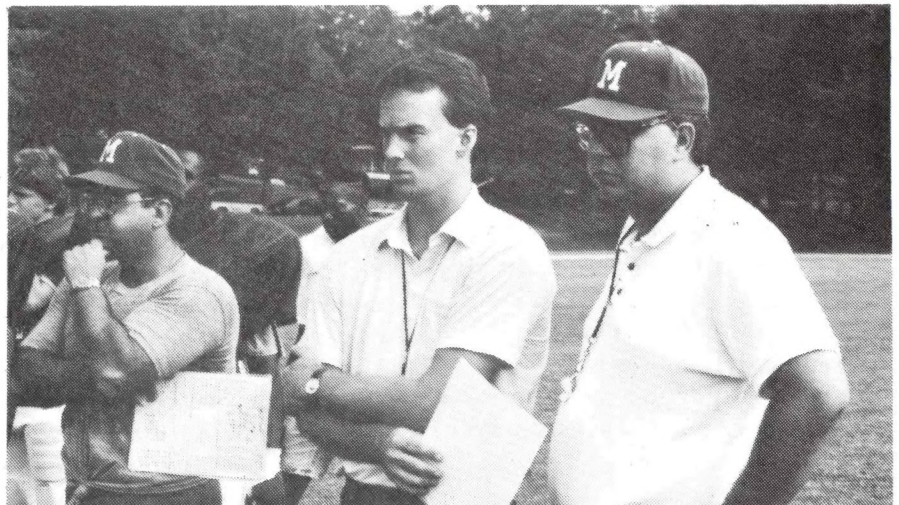
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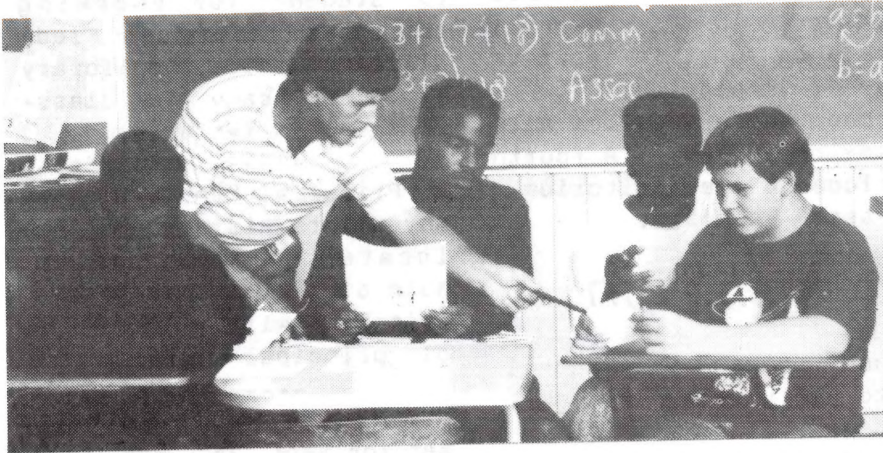
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THESE HAVE TO BE PERFECT

SC Advisor Johnye Horton reviews a Homecoming ballot with officers (from left) John Johnson, Michael McClain, Lee Wynn and Brad Goggins.

Spirit erupts for Homecoming

by Robyn Lawley

MHS will begin its annual Homecoming celebration with Spirit Week activities Oct. 1-5.

"Homecoming spirit was rekindled last year, and everyone is looking forward to all the activities that were so successful last year, said Student Council Advisor Johnye Horton.

Festivities will begin with "Dress-up" Days, Oct. 1, 3 and 5. Classes will compete for prizes in spirit competition. Ten points will be awarded at the Vincent and Bibb County pep rallies to the class showing the most spirit. Classes will also be judged for floats in the parade that was brought back in 1989 after a 20-year absence. Parade activities will begin

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Hughes up for top honor

by Melissa Bramer

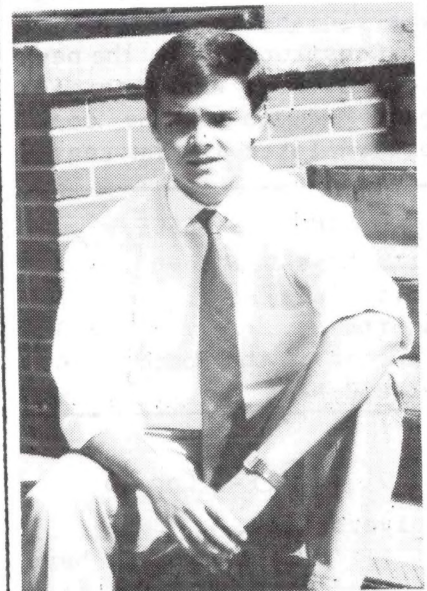
Senior Jason Hughes has advanced to semi-finalist in the 1990-91 National Merit Scholarship Program.

"I was glad to be a semi-finalist, but being a finalist is what really counts," said Jason.

Jason will be one among 15,000 to compete for finalist next semester.

Finalists will be considered for one of 1,800 National Merit \$2,000 scholarships and will compete for a scholarship offered by corporate sponsors and participating colleges and

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HONOR SCHOLAR

Senior Jason Hughes has been named semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Grad exam set for next week

by Melissa Bramer

All juniors and newly registered seniors will take the Alabama High School Graduation Exam, Oct. 2-4.

"This is a test of basic skills that we hope all students have mastered by the time they graduate," said Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley

The exam is divided into three parts--Reading, Tuesday; Mathematics, Wednesday; and Language, Thursday. It is required by the State and will be given during the first three class periods of each day

College reps to visit campus

Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley has invited 42 representatives from colleges and universities for MHS's annual College Day, Oct. 9.

"This is a very important day for seniors, as well as juniors, to gather information about education after high school," said Mrs. Colley.

The event will begin as students meet in separate groups for College Bound and Career Exploring.

Participants will then attend three sessions with representatives they have already selected. A fourth session with all reps will conclude in the auditorium.

Honor Society members will serve as hosts.

Classrooms near completion

by Kandi Hall

Teachers who have been without rooms since school started will soon be moving into newly renovated classrooms if all things go as planned.

"The construction people said that the rooms would be finished next week, said Principal Ken Tatum.

"Switching rooms with other teachers has been an inconvenience, but the work that's completed all looks great, and I'm excited about getting my room back," said History Teacher Barbara Henderson.

Hall air conditioning was finished Tuesday.

Construction on the new agricultural workshop and gym expansion will be completed later in the year.

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universities.

"It's exciting to have another semi-finalist.

"We're hopeful Jason will earn a scholarship," said Counselor Colleen Colley.

Jamie Roberts ('90) earned the scholarship by making finalist last year.

Newspaper rates

SPOTLIGHT received superior ratings in Alabama Scholastic Press Association's spring contest.

The newspaper scored highest in the competition according to ASPA Director Marie Parsons.

It's News Downtown

City plans annual event

The Montevallo Festival Day Fire Prevention Parade will take place Oct. 6.

The Main Street Parade will begin at 10 a.m.

Festivities for Montevallo Festival Day will begin in Orr Park with a 10-k run at 8 a.m. and a Fun Run Walk for students up to 12 at 9 a.m. A \$5 registration fee will be required for the 10-k run and a \$1 fee for the Fun Run Walk.

An arts and crafts show

Campus Notes

Library opens for students

by Renee Damon

The library has reopened to students for checking out books. Librarian Freda Williams said the library would be ready for classroom use in two weeks.

Principal Ken Tatum has moved into his new office located in back of the main office. The assistant principal will occupy the old principal's office.

Open House, originally set for Sept. 25, was postponed to a later date.

The event will be rescheduled when renovation is complete.

Homeroom will meet from 7:55-8:05 while the Alabama High School Graduation Exam is being administered.

Students will resume regular schedule Oct. 5

FESTIVAL DAY



including food, games and celebrities will also take place at Orr Park, beginning at 9 a.m.

The University of Montevallo will observe Founders Day, Oct. 12. Special activities will take place throughout the campus.

Director of Information Services Bill Plott has left UM to work for the Birmingham News.

He will continue to aid SPOTLIGHT.

EDITORIALS



Counselor thanked

Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley is commended for her planning on College Day.

The information students receive from the college representatives plays a major role in deciding whether the students will enroll in college and which college the student will attend.

We encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity.

Returning to the scene

The Student Council will honor the classes of 1931, 41, 51 and 60 from MHS and Prentice High Schools and the 1970 and 80 graduates from MHS for Homecoming '90.

The event is a time of remembrance for returning alumni as they visit their Alma Mater and renew old friendships.

We welcome all alumni!

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City loses friend

The Montevallo community is mourning the loss of a dear friend with the passing of former University of Montevallo photographer Andy Russell.

Andy died last week at the age of 59 after a brief battle with cancer.

Andy will always be remembered for his humble personality with the care and concern he showed to hundreds of UM students. When he wasn't busy in the photo lab, he could often be found at a table in the university cafeteria surrounded by college students.

Although Andy was practically an institution at UM, I will always be grateful for the help and technical assistance he gave us for SPOTLIGHT during my first year of teaching at MHS four years ago. Once when the newspaper was facing a demanding photography deadline, Andy gave up one of his Saturdays to develop the pictures.

Andy may be gone, but his photography as well as his positive attitude and values will go on forever.

...Larry Haynes, SPOTLIGHT Advisor

SC leader optimistic

This year's Homecoming promises to be special. The week preceding the HC dance will be full of stiff competition between classes.

The Student Council is working hard to bring Montevallo High School a fantastic 1990 Homecoming.

...SC President Michael McClain

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Judges cite cheerleaders

by Robin Brabham

The cheerleader squad earned two gold superior ribbons, one for cheer evaluation and dance evaluation at the Universal Cheerleader Camp at UM during the summer.

The squad also brought home a gold superior trophy for placing 2nd in sideline evaluation, along with a spirit stick and several blue superior and red excellent ribbons.

Individually, Lacey Thomas, head cheerer, won the jump contest.

"I was excited and very surprised. So many girls executed their jumps very well," said Lacey.

The all junior group also includes Amy Benson, Mollis Cottingham, Marli Erwin, Christi Holsomback, Gabrielle Metz, Rachel McKinney, Jennifer McKinnon, Paula Stano and Janet Parker. Judy Simmons is faculty sponsor.

The B-team won a trophy for most improved JV squad and a gold superior ribbon for being camp champions in cheers.

B teamers also won the spirit stick, 2 gold superiors, 5 blue superiors, 2 red excellents and a white outstanding.

Cheerers are Meredith Cobb (head), Mandy Collins, Kelli Fountain, Elizabeth Hamer, Stacey Seales, Stacie Seiner, Emily Sullivan and Laura Thomas.

Sponsors are Carol Holsomback and Diane McKinnon.

Pelham, Pleasant Grove win

Bulldogs lose two at home

by Morgan Griffin

The Bulldogs began a four game home stand with consecutive losses to 6A Pelham (32-6) and 4A Pleasant Grove (18-0).

Former Paul Bryant assistant Shorty White, who ended a seven year absence from coaching this year, led his Pleasant Grove Spartans to an 18-0 shutout over MHS.

"The kids played tough, but two or three busted coverages gave them the big plays and allowed them to score," said MHS Head Coach Jim Vakakes.

The Spartans lit the scoreboard first when quarterback Mark Howard completed a 37-yd. pass to Jason Volk.

The teams fought to a draw throughout the rest of the first half to a 6-0 score at intermission.

Pleasant Grove added two touchdowns in the second half to take the win.

Senior Kacy Henderson led MHS with 48 yards on 12 carries.

"This game could have gone either way," said Coach Vakakes. "Our quarterbacks were victims of some dropped passes and insufficient time to throw."

In MHS's home opener Pelham's Michael Proctor kicked three field goals, including one for 52 yards, to lead the Panthers to their 32-6 win over the 'Dogs, Sept. 14.

STATS

	MHS	PHS
1st downs	8	14
Yds rush.	48	277
Yds pass.	66	180
Tot. Off.	114	457
Punts	7-40	2-45
Penalties	4-30	5-28

Coming off an opening loss to Shelby County, the Panthers scored 9 points in the first quarter following David Flynn's blocked punt for a safety and Curt Eddy's 3-yd. run on Pelham's next possession.

Pelham led 26-0 at halftime.

After PHS added two field goals, Bulldog junior Andra Agee scored on a 2-yd. run late in the game for MHS.

Coach Vakakes praised the efforts of seniors Jonathon Scarborough and Doug Pate and junior Noah Miller.

"We are going to have to play harder and cut out mistakes," Vakakes said.

Band prepares for concert season

by Robyn Lawley

The Marching Troubadours will compete in Central Alabama Marching Festival, Oct. 13.

The last time the Troubadours entered the contest they earned all ones and won their division in 1988.

"Observing the band's progress over the summer, I believe that the band will do excellent at competition," said drum major Chris Alley.

Agee leads in B team win

by Morgan Griffin

Junior Andra Agee rushed for over 150 yards as the B team beat Shelby County 22-12, Sept. 24.

"The line blocked well and the backs ran hard," said Coach Kevin Raybon. "We had a super team effort."

Agee scored his first TD on a 50-yd. sweep in the first quarter to put MHS 6 up on the Wildcats.

The count remained 6-0 until SCHS tied it in the third quarter.

Later, junior quarterback Lance Gibson scrambled in from 35 yards out. Agee ran the 2-point conversion to make the score 14-6.

Shelby County pulled to within two points of a tie, but Agee iced the victory with a 75-yd. TD run.

With the win, the B-team is 1-1.

Ladies coach pleased with squad's success

by Jason Hale

The Lady Bulldog volleyball team boasts a 10-4 record at mid-season.

"We are playing better now than we did in the beginning of the season," said Coach Dot Bishop. "The girls are beginning to move and play together."

The team holds wins over Shelby County, (4), Vincent, Central, Shades Mountain, Chelsea (2) and Fayetteville.

The Ladies will play a tri match with Briarwood and Chelsea at Chelsea, Oct. 2. They will compete in the Jemison Invitational, Oct. 6.

With Vincent's Yellowjackets

MHS renews county rivalry

by Jason Hale

Coach Jim Vakakes' Bulldogs will conclude a four-game home stand with their next two outings.

Tonight, the 'Dogs host 3A county foe Vincent at Theron Fisher Stadium. The last time the two teams met was in 1983 when Taylor Blackwell quarterbacked Coach Richard Gilliam's Bulldogs to a 20-6 victory. Montevallo and Vincent were then both 2A schools under the old classification (four divisions) system. The 'Dogs went on to advance to the quarterfinals in the State playoffs that year.

"I expect a team that's going to be well coached, and they will come out fighting after losing last week 2-0 on a controversial call," said Coach Vakakes.

Next week, in the Homecoming game, the 'Dogs will host the Choctaws of Bibb County, ranked ninth in the state in Class 5A.

"Bibb County is on a roll. Stan Moss is a great coach, and I saw his Choctaws demolish a good Jemison team, but our kids will look forward to it," said Vakakes.

Calera falls 26-7

'Dogs put on offensive show

by Kandi Hall

It took Montevallo's "Blitzkrieg" offense, only three plays to score as the Bulldogs romped over Calera 26-7 to begin the 1990 football season, Sept. 7.

Senior Kacy Henderson scored the first of his two touchdowns on a 20-yd. pass from Lance Ernest with 10:30 left in the opening quarter.

"We were prepared in all aspects of the game," said Ernest who connected on 4 of 9 passes for 89 yards and one touchdown.

The Eagles came back to take the lead on a 28-yd. halfback pass from Angel Garcia to Desi Fomby. Fomby converted for a 7-6 Calera lead at halftime.

Junior Lee Fowler put Montevallo ahead for good on a 24-yd. interception for a touchdown with 9:53 remaining in the third period.

Henderson led the 'Dogs with 110 yards on 7 carries and 3 receptions for 81 yards.

Junior Noah Miller scored the final touchdown with 3:36 remaining in the game.

	M'vallo	Calera
1st downs	12	8
Yds. rush.	218	127
Yds. pass.	(4-9) 89	(1-9) 25
Interceptions	2	1
Total off.	307	152
Punt avrg.	3--40	1--36
Fumbles lost	1	3

AIR AMERICA

Now showing: Galleria 10

Rated PG-13

*Movie plots
action, comedy*

by Jason Hutchison

Air America, starring Mel Gibson and Robert Downey, Jr., is an action comedy about two pilots who fly supplies to troops in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.

The plot centers around Gibson, Downey and the team of pilots who not only fly food and weapons to the troops but also, unknowingly, carry shipments of drugs for their corrupt General.

Action is slow at times; the plot has been done before. But Gibson's performance enhances the film.

I give the film a B-.

El-Mid News*MES enrolls
796 students*

by Brooklyn White

Enrollment at Montevallo Elementary School is 796 for the 1990-91 year.

MES held Open House, Sept. 10-11.

The annual Health Fair was held Sept. 19-20 in the gymnasium.

MMS students will be bussed to the stadium to take part in the Homecoming pep rally. They will also wear orange and blue in observance of the day.

Open House for the Middle School was Sept. 13.

The 6th grade Parent Coffee was held Sept. 25.

POPS Teacher of the Month*Biology teacher earns praise*

by Morgan Griffin

Teaching AP Biology, a course new to MHS, Richard Colley is POPS Teacher of the Month for September.

Starting his second year at MHS, Mr. Colley also teaches General Biology and Physical Science.

"Biology is my favorite, but I enjoy teaching AP because of the depth of the subject matter," said Colley.

"We are very fortunate to have a biology teacher of his caliber," said Science Department chairman and Assistant Principal Carol Knighten.

In addition to his academic duties at MHS, Mr. Colley, a former All-State lineman, coaches JV football. As assistant coach he is responsible for coaching linemen and coordinating defense.

"Mr. Colley is a real asset to Montevallo High School," said JV Head Coach Johnye Horton. "The team is fortunate to have him as a coach."

In his spare time Mr. Colley enjoys jogging, weightlifting, hunting and fishing. He also enjoys traveling and walks with his wife.

"This has been a great year," said Mr. Colley. "I have noticed a stronger desire to learn in my students, as well as a more cooperative attitude."

Homecoming spirit--(Cont.)

at 1 p.m. Friday and proceed down Main Street. It will conclude with a pep rally at the football stadium with students from all three Montevallo Schools taking part.

"I hope everyone is excited and prepared for what is going to be a great week," said SC President Michael McClain.

Alumni being honored this year are classes of 1931, 41, 51 and 6p from MHS and Prentice High Schools and the 1970 and 1980 classes from MHS.

Climaxing the event will be the football game with Bibb County and crowning the queen.

"For a homecoming victory we really need student and faculty support and participation. Bibb County is tough, but with everybody working together we can surely pull off a victory," said senior Bulldog Richie Hamer.

The Homecoming Court, determined in yesterday's elections, is as follows: Seniors--Camille Campbell, Crystal Minor, Angelia Blackmon; juniors--Lea Gaddis, Heather Herron; sophomores--April Crocker, Robin Huff; and freshmen--Courtney Harrell, Baye Taff.

Photos made for yearbook

Rip Jones from Bill Miller Photography photographed over 435 MHSers (students and faculty) for the MONTALA yesterday (Sept. 27).

Four different combinations of pictures were offered to students for purchase.




Mr. Jones took pictures in the library because the auditorium (used by photographers in the past) was unavailable due to renovation.

And now

... a message from our sponsors

The following local businesses have contributed to the journalism program at Montevallo High School. Due to the rising costs of producing a bi-weekly newspaper, these organizations have pledged financial support to SPOTLIGHT for the 1990-91 school year.

The SPOTLIGHT staff extends thanks and encourages all readers to patronize these businesses.

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As Teacher of the Year

Weese earns top honor

by Melissa Bramer

Band Director Jim Weese is MHS's Teacher of the Year after being chosen by the faculty, Oct. 17.

"I'm so proud of Mr. Weese. He is very deserving of this honor because he consistently directs superior marching and symphonic bands," said 1987-88 Teacher of the Year Delilah Robinson.

Mr. Weese will now compete with teachers from around the county in preparation for state competition.

"From the time the kids are in the 7th grade, I train them to be motivated. Motivation is the key to a successful band," said Mr. Weese.

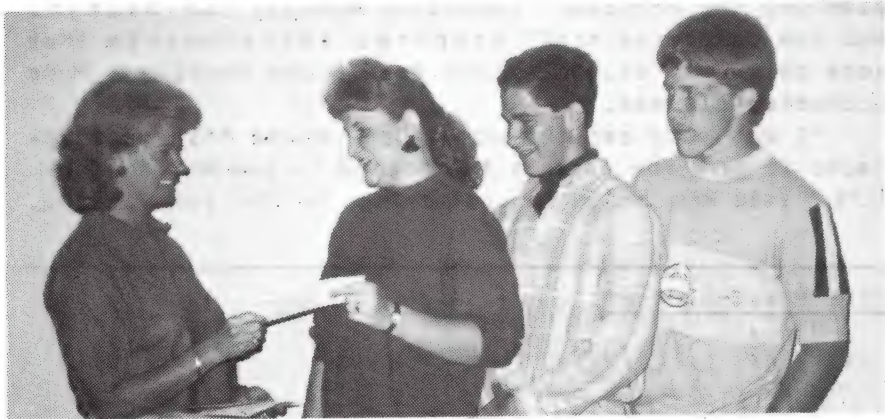
Under the direction of Mr. Weese the Marching Troubadours have received

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WORKING TOWARD PERFECTION

Teacher of the Year Jim Weese instructs seventh grade flutist Christi Brantley during beginning band classes at Montevallo Middle School. Mr. Weese teaches band in grades 7-12.



GO-GETTING SALESPeOPLE

Junior sponsor Donna Dickson presents prizes to top magazine sellers Lani George, Mike Reid and Chris Hughes.

Juniors secure prom site

by Cole Thornton

The junior class made a big step toward financing next year's prom raising \$1,250.00 in their annual magazine subscription drive.

Lani George, Mike Reid and Chris Hughes were the top three sellers, with 19, 15 and 14 sales, respectively, earning prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$10.

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Break day nears

Shelby County students will get a three-day weekend beginning tomorrow, as teachers become students for a day.

Guest instructors will conduct professional development seminars at Thompson High tomorrow for all county teachers.

The next three-day weekend for MHSers will be Nov. 10-12, when all county schools close Monday, Nov. 12, in observance of Veterans Day.

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Band gains highest rating

by Robyn Lawley

Competing with 6A schools Berry and Hewitt Trussville, the Marching Troubadours successfully began their contest season. They made an overall superior rating at the Chilton County Peach Blossom Marching Band Festival, Oct. 13.

"I think the band did excellent in the competition, and I'm sure everyone else did too," said sophomore drummer Eric Wilson.

The majorettes and drum majors also earned one's (superior).

"I thought the band gave their best performance of the year, and I was very pleased with the overall ratings," said Band Director Jim Weese.

List reveals past Teachers of Year

by Melissa Bramer

Since the beginning of the selection of the SCEA (Shelby County Education Association) Teacher of the Year, when Susie DeMent (Business) won the first title in 1983-84, seven MHS teachers have earned the honor.

In the order of selection they are as follows:

- 1984-85 Barbara Belisle (Eng.)
- 1985-86 Carol Knighten (Biol.)
- 1986-87 Dot Bishop (Phys Ed)
- 1987-88 Delilah Robinson (Eng.)
- 1988-89 Rose E. Hankins (Home Ec)
- 1989-90 Steve Latham (Eng.)
- 1990-91 Jim Weese (Band)

Miss DeMent and Mrs. Knighten advanced to the regionals in the State contests the years they were honored.

In Energy Bowl

Scholars to begin season

by Beth Milstead

For the first time ever, the Scholars' Bowl Team will take part in the Energy Bowl at Alabama Power in Birmingham, Nov. 9. The statewide competition consists of toss-up and bonus questions dealing with energy.

"We should do well because our team is strong in science," said junior team member Jack Clark.

Other members are senior Jason Hughes; juniors Beth Milstead, Devon Wlodyga and Lee Wynn.

The team will compete in the first round of competition for a chance to advance to the championship match in December. Individual prizes include savings bonds and stock in the Southern Company.

"I have confidence in our team because they are all well-rounded and should do well," said sponsor Geraldine Waitt.

Parents treated to tour

by Robin Brabham

Parents were able to learn all they needed to know about their student's opportunities at Open House, October 23.

"The sole purpose of Open House is to escort the parents through their child's schedule and meet their teachers," said Open House coordinator Carol Knighten.

Mrs. Knighten and Judy Simmons worked together on planning the program. Lunchroom Manager Sue Melsoni and the cafeteria staff prepared refreshments that were served by students from Rose Ellen Hankins's Home Economics classes.

"I was very excited about Open House this year because it gave the parents the chance to see MHS's face-lift," said Mrs. Knighten, referring to the renovations.

It's News Downtown

UM plans competition



The University of Montevallo will hold an on campus Biathlon championship at 8 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 3.

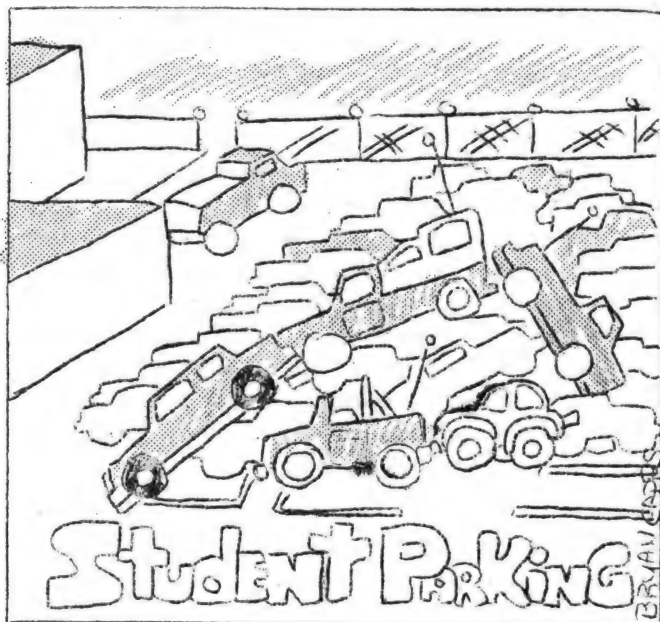
The three series endurance race will include a 2.4 mile run, a 20.5 mile bicycle race and a 3.8 mile run.

October 28 is the deadline for early registration. Late registration ends at 7:30 a.m., Nov. 3.

The Soviets are coming to Montevallo as the Falcons basketball team prepares to play Team Soviet, a Russian all-star squad, Nov. 6, in Myrick Hall.

Their roster includes one player 6'9", two 6'8", three 6'7" and two 6'6", according to UM sportswriter Trey Hughes. UM has only two players this size.

EDITORIALS



A parking solution

A current complaint of many juniors and seniors has been overcrowding in the parking lot. Due to the lack of space, 15 to 20 cars are blocked in and are unable to leave campus in the afternoon.

One solution to this problem could be to convert the grassy area between the parking lot and the main building into an overflow parking area.

Additional parking would be helpful to visitors who now have difficulty finding a place to park near the school.

Funding for the extra parking area could be provided by selling reserved parking spaces. Most students would be willing to pay a few dollars more for a reserved place. Also, an asphalted area close to the main building would be more attractive than the presently unkempt grassy area.

If this proposal is implemented, then the parking problems at MHS will be resolved.

Principal responds

Dear Editor:

Once I was informed of the problem of breaking in the lunch line, the teachers on duty and I have paid careful attention to the problem. This resulted in a student being placed in detention for repeated breaking incidents.

The only people allowed to get in front of students are teachers because they must often have to perform additional duties during their lunch period.

I want faculty and students to know that my door is always open if you have concerns.

...Ken Tatum, Principal

Keep Halloween safe

Halloween is an event set aside for fun, but some people mistake the evening as a time to play dangerous pranks.

We encourage Montevallo students to be responsible enough to stay on the alert for small children who will be out trick-or-treating.

Have a safe, happy Halloween!

Student airs complaint

Dear Editor:

Since students are given sufficient time to eat with the extended 29-minute lunch sessions, I think the teachers should not break line either. They have the same amount of time as the students.

It's not fair!

..... John Loyd ('91)

Editorial Policy

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El-Mid News

Fun Fair to be held at MES

by Brooklyn White

Students at Montevallo Elementary School will be taking part in their annual Fun Fair today.

An assortment of games and relays offers prizes to the students in the fund-raising event.

Ms. Shirley Boyd was in charge of Vision and Hearing Screening held at MES Oct. 17 and 24.

October 19 was fieldtrip day for both 4th and 5th grade students.

The 4th grade made a trip to Brierfield to see the ironworks and the park, while 5th graders attended Children's Theater in Birmingham.

Both Montevallo Middle and MES sent report cards home Oct. 19 showing the first six weeks grades.

Drug Awareness Week, Oct. 15-19, was used at both MES and MMS to make students aware of the dangers of drugs. Everyone wore red ribbons to remind themselves and others to stay drug free.

MMSers had a Pepsi break Oct. 18.

The 8th grade made a trip to "explore" DeSoto Caverns, Oct. 19.

Students from both MES and MMS will have a holiday, Oct. 26, while their teachers are attending Professional Development meetings at Thompson High School.

New group wants to debate

by Chris Alley

A lot of people who like to argue have been meeting as a group at MHS. Their goal is to organize a debate team for the school.

Librarian Freda Williams will sponsor the team that held its first of three meetings, Oct. 11. Dr. Robert Davenport of the University of Montevallo will coach.

"I'm very pleased to help these students begin a debate program in which they will be able to learn argumentative and communicative skills to help prepare them for any profession," said Dr. Davenport.

Team members are doing research during study periods along with after-school research at UM library.

Debators will be given the opportunity to observe other teams in action before competing. They hope to visit nearby schools for observation.

Team captains will be chosen after the group has worked together a while and before they begin actual competition according to Mrs. Williams.

Peer helpers head to camp

by Ginger Johnston

Peer helpers will take part in a weekend of intensive training at Camp Winnetaska in Leeds, Nov. 2-4.

"This is a wonderful training event for Peer Helpers," said Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley. "The personnel and program are very helpful."

Thirteen students and sponsors from all county schools, including Berry High, will attend.

"It's going to be a fun weekend for those kids who get to go, but lots of hard work at the same time," said Administrative Assistant Carol Knighten. "I just really personally appreciate any teenager who will give up their whole weekend for intensive training."

Dr. Jo Lynn Johnson, a graduate of East Carolina University, will be guest lecturer.

Mrs. Colley, who organized the group at MHS, also plans to attend the retreat.

Spotlighters sell to raise funds

by Melissa Bramer

The SPOTLIGHT staff has a fundraiser underway. They began selling cookies Oct. 22 and will continue until Oct. 29. Types include Chocolate Walnut Chunk, Oatmeal Raisin, Butter Nut Nougats, Coconut Macaroons and Cinnamon Sugar.

"I appreciate our staff for being so optimistic, considering we have to do so many fundraisers. We are hoping to raise at least \$300 on this project," said spotlight Advisor Larry Haynes.

Students should see a SPOTLIGHT staffer to place an order.

Science class has egg drop

by Jason Hughes

It was raining eggs last Friday (Oct. 19) as the students saw 26 of 125 eggs survive the 4th annual egg drop at MHS.

"The egg drop is a fun way to learn about universal gravitation," said science/chemistry teacher Wally Blanton, who was in charge of the egg drop.

Physics and physical science classes were asked to build a structure that would enable a medium egg to survive a 4½ story drop.

Students were given only 25 straws and a roll of tape with which to work. After the drop, they worked problems concerning acceleration due to gravity, final velocity and height of drop.

"The physics class did an outstanding job of sponsoring the biggest egg drop ever. Twice as many eggs were dropped this year as last year," said Mr. Blanton.

The student body missed the first twenty minutes of the fifth period to witness the event.

Griffin's Garble

Time to seek answers

Have students ever asked why they go to school to take various subjects and compete with each other for better grades.

Our education is really an important question; not just for students, but teachers, parents and everyone who loves this earth.

Most students go through the struggle to be educated, pass examinations, get a job, get married, just to become more like machines.

Sure, a job and earning one's livelihood is necessary; but if all an individual cares about are those little letters after their name enroute to a high social status, then they are wasting their life.

Self fulfillment should not be the only objective to getting a good education.

Education should take on the function to help us understand the entire process of life and not just the American Dream.

Life is the poor and the rich; life is the constant battle between groups and races; life is religion and its hidden things of the mind; life is envy, passion, fear, anxieties and fulfillments. But generally people's minds are dull and pointless. The majority are not prepared to understand and seek out answers to the problems of today's world.

Surely education has no meaning unless it helps one to understand the vast expanse of life with its extraordinary beauty, sorrows and joys.



Morgan Griffin

Book Review

Norton fantasy gives escape

by Ginger Johnston

Andre Norton's Tales of the Witch World is a fantasy series of short stories set in the magical Witch World where the impossible can be and most likely is.

Norton's tales include the story of a mute girl destined to be a witch, who fights on the side of good.

There's also the story of the cat who shares her body with the soul of another.

For readers who like fantasy or just need an escape from life's pressures this book rates a B+.

Movie Review

FANTASIA--Now playing Galleria 10
Rated G

Disney brings back favorite

by Jason Hutchison

In honor of the film's 50th anniversary, Walt Disney Studios has released a restored version of its animated classic Fantasia. The film is a brilliant marriage of sights and sounds. It consists of animated shorts based on Disney artists' interpretations of classical music, including "Toccata and Fugues in D Minor" and "The Nutcracker Suite," in which fairies

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TIME FALLS BACK

Central Standard Time will return Sunday, 2 a.m. Clocks will be reset to show 1 a.m.

Ladies await Area Meet

by Jack Clark

The Lady Bulldogs tuned up for the upcoming Area Tournament in Jemison Nov. 1, going 1-3 in matches against local schools.

The Ladies defeated Jemison (area foe) but lost to Homewood, Vincent and Shelby County.

Here are the scores of the games:

Oct. 16

MHS 5, 14 VHS 15, 16
MHS 15, 13, 8 SCHS 12, 15, 15

Oct. 18

MHS 15, 15 Jemison 3, 7
MHS 9, 14 Homewood 15, 16

John Carroll blanks Bullpups

by Jason Hale

The Bullpups suffered a 31-0 loss to John Carroll's junior varsity, Oct. 18, at Theron Fisher Stadium.

"Although we are not winning, we're improving," said Coach Johnye Horton. "We have so many players who are playing for the first time, and there is so much to learn."

Although stats were not kept, Coach Horton praised freshmen Brad Davis and Demetrius Lilly.

'Pups seek win

The junior varsity has 3 games remaining in which to ease their winless woes.

JV Schedule

Oct. 25	Bibb County	Home
Nov. 1	Thompson	Home
Nov. 8	Shelby County	Home

Jemison earns area victory

by Mark Segers

The Jemison Panthers were on the prowl as they combined over 348 yards and five touchdowns in a 35-7 homecoming rout of the Bulldogs at Jemison, Oct. 12.

"The game hurt a lot, not only because Jemison is an area team but also because we beat ourselves mentally," said junior split end Danny Reid.

With leading rusher Andra Agee out due to illness, the Bulldogs relied on the running of senior tailback Kacy Henderson who had 55 yards and the 'Dogs only TD.

Senior quarterback Lance Ernest and junior quarterback Lance Gibson threw 16 completions for 199 yards in the losing effort.

Defensively, junior Noah Miller recorded 9 tackles, and junior Lee Fowler and senior Paul Johnson added 8 stops apiece.

"We played our hearts out, but errors cost us the game," said Johnson.

"This is the same team that beat Calera, and one night we're going to put together an error-free game and bring home a victory, even if it means working longer and harder," said Head Coach Jim Vakakes.

Stats

	MHS	JHS
1st downs	14	19
Yds rush	100	169
Passes	16/38	13/20
Int'cptns	0	2
Yds pass	199	179
Tot off	299	348
Punt Avg	4/42	1/50
Fumb lost	2/0	2/1

Montevallo Offense

Carrier	Carries	Yds	Avg
K. Henderson	13	55	4.2
L. Ernest	7	34	4.8

Passer	Att.	Comp.	Yds
L. Ernest	20	9	75
L. Gibson	18	8	134

Reid scores for MHS

McAdory powers past B-team

by Jason Hale

McAdory handed the B team its third loss as the 5A Yellowjackets defeated the Bulldogs 18-6 at McAdory, October 14.

"Overall we played well, but we didn't play up to our fullest potential," said Coach Tom Hester.

Junior Danny Reid was the only scorer for the 'Dogs. He scored on a 25-yd. pass from junior Lance Gibson.

"At times we played well enough to win, but we just couldn't get the breaks," said Gibson.

McAdory put the game away with a 92-yd. touchdown pass in the second half.

Coach Kevin Raybon added John Carroll to the schedule last week. The game will be Oct. 29 at John Carroll.

Chelsea wins close game

by Mark Segers

The Bulldogs (1-6) led in every offensive category and played a penalty-free game, but that was not enough to secure a victory as the Class 3A Chelsea Hornets (5-2) outscored the 'Dogs 28-21, Oct. 19.

"I felt we played a good game and deserved the win, but the game is over now and it's time to get back to basics," said Head Coach Jim Vakakes.

Throughout most of the game the Bulldogs ruled the turf as senior running back Kacy Henderson rushed for 146 yards and 2 of the 'Dogs' 3 touchdowns.

Junior Noah Miller added the other TD on a first quarter rush to begin the night's scoring.

"It was a close game; we all played hard but could not pull it out in the end," said Henderson.

Going into halftime with a one point lead, the 'Dogs were determined not to let this game slip away; but a scoreless third quarter and only 6 points in the fourth capped the Hornet victory.

Defensively the Bulldogs were led by junior strong safety Lee Fowler, who had a game high 24 tackles. Senior linebacker Doug Pate had 16 stops.

"If we're going to get any victories, we're going to have to continue to play to our best abilities and eliminate those errors that set us back in every game," said Fowler.

Face Dallas Co. and BB Comer

Bulldogs stay on the road

by Jack Clark

The Bulldogs continue their road trips as they play 3A Dallas County (4-3) Friday and area foe B.B. Comer Nov. 2.

The 'Dogs last played Dallas County in 1987 when they won 33-6 ending former Head Coach Richard Gilliam's 27 year coaching career.

"This is going to be a tough game. Dallas County has great athletes, and they run an offense that we don't see much of," said Coach Jim Vakakes.

Montevallo still has a chance to tie for the area championship when they end their road series when they play B.B. Comer in Tiger Stadium at 7:30.

"It is going to be a difficult game. B.B. Comer is currently ranked 2nd in the state," said Coach Vakakes. "The team is well coached."

Pierson seeks place to play

by Crystal Minor

The basketball team will be forced to play more games on the road due to rain damage in the gym.

"The roofers didn't do such a good job on the extension. It rained and the floor bucked," said Coach Bobby Pierson. "I'm so upset that there's not much I can say about the situation without becoming angry."

Coach Pierson has looked into rescheduling some of the home games at the University of Montevallo's Myrick Hall, but scheduling conflicts with the university's teams would not allow him to play all home games at the UM facility.

Basketball practice begins next week in the middle school's gym for the Bulldogs. Coach Pierson is hoping the gym will be completed before the season ends.

Disney film, fun for all-- (Cont.)

and mythological creatures danced to the music.

Perhaps the most famous short in Fantasia is "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," in which Mickey Mouse plays an ill fated sorcerer's apprentice who tries to use his teacher's magic to do his chores only to find he doesn't know how to stop what he has started. The sorcerer has to save Mickey from the disaster he has caused.

This film is a must-see for Disney fans and music lovers. I recommend it for adults as well as children. The mixture of animation and orchestra is magnificent. This classic deserves an A+.

Campus NotesReceipt totals
climb higher

Over \$20,000 in red grocery receipts have been accumulated so far in the Apples for Students drive according to journalism teacher Larry Haynes.

"I believe with the holiday season coming up, we'll meet our goal," said drive chairman Donna Dickson.

MHS's goal is to buy a laser printer which will take \$165,000 worth of receipts.

All three Montevallo area schools observed National School Bus Safety Week, Oct. 15-19. According to Administrative Assistant Carol Knighten, who is in charge of the school's buses, the week was designed to remind the public to be careful and to watch out for children crossing streets.

Banners were displayed at each school to mark the occasion.

Report cards for the first six weeks were distributed Friday (Oct. 19). The second six weeks grading period will end Nov. 22.

Clubs have been scheduled for the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Clubs that will meet on the first Tuesday are Baseball, Honor Society, Scholars' Bowl, Science and Peer Helpers.

Fourth Tuesday clubs are FFA, FHA, Spanish, Math and Scholars' Bowl.

The organizations meet during club schedule from 8:58 - 9:28 a.m. in their sponsor's room.

Hunt strives for better 'book'

by Renee Damon

The annual staff, under new publications teacher Bill Hunt, is working to learn the latest yearbook innovations as they prepare the 1990-91 MONTALA.

"I intend to put a lot of pressure on them to make it the best they can do," said Mr. Hunt.

Eight pages have been added to expand the annual to 128 pages. The new advisor has changed publishers back to Taylor Publishing Company, the MONTALA's publisher until 1982.

"The people at Taylor have been helpful. There's going to be a better cover and the pages will be heavier like a college's yearbook pages," said Mr. Hunt.

The staff has added an academic and a Who's Who section which will include eight categories as voted on by members of the senior class.

"We've already had a few conflicts, but we are learning to work together," said senior editor LeAnne DeHaven.

Annual staff members are seniors--Editor LeAnne DeHaven, Joy Dover, Kacy Henderson; juniors--Dena Harris, Heather Sullivan, Ketwana Valentine; and sophomores--Kim Cleckler, Amy Fochtman, Bram Fuller, Janet Turner and Lisa Womac.

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Teacher of the Year --(Cont.)

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The Marching Troubadours presently have 104 members in the band which makes up one fourth of the student body.

Prom site selected --(Cont.)

"The amount of money earned is a good start toward the rental of the facility, but we've got to earn more money though to do all that needs to be done," said junior sponsor Donna Dickson.

Money raised has secured rental of the Highland Racquet Club for May 3.




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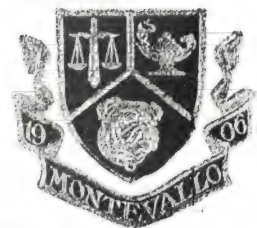
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As Good Citizen

Seniors select Shane

by Marie Hicks

Senior Shane Stoudenmire is MHS's DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizen for 1990-91. He was one of three nominees selected by faculty members. He was then given the title by receiving the most votes from his classmates.

"I was surprised. This is a great honor," said Shane who now has the opportunity to qualify for a scholarship.

Basis for selection were leadership, dependability, service and patriotism.

Shane is a member of the football team and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. After graduation he plans to attend the University of Montevallo.

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GOOD CITIZEN

Principal Ken Tatum congratulates senior Shane Stoudenmire on being named by classmates and faculty as the DAR Good Citizen for this year.

Holidays set

The November holiday season arrives next Monday (Nov. 12) as Shelby County Schools close to observe Veterans Day.

This occasion has been set aside to honor veterans of past wars.

Students will get another break Nov. 22-23 for Thanksgiving. Schools will reopen Nov. 26 following the Thanksgiving break.

Former instructors to return on Retired Teachers Day

by Jason Hughes

Former teachers will return next Tuesday (Nov. 13) as MHS observes Retired Teachers Day.

"I think it is about time that we celebrated their accomplishments," said Administrative Assistant Carol Knighten.

Administration and faculty will pay respect to former instructors at a tea in the front foyer at 3:15.

The teachers, their subjects taught and years at MHS are as follows: Anne Milford, Librarian, 26 years; Rebecca McGaughy, Home Economics, 23 years; Junie Craig; Home Economics, 15 years; Ann Parker, English, 20 years; Joanna McGaughy, Science, 14 years; M. (Moon) Thornton, Agriculture, 28½ years; Susie DeMent, Business, 41 years.

Other guests include former teachers Emily Pendleton,

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Newspaper forced to reduce costs

Due to rising costs of printing and the loss of previous means of funding, the newspaper staff will cut out color page heads in the next two issues of SPOTLIGHT.

Winter play rehearsals begin

by Chris Alley

Drama Coach Steve Latham and cast have begun rehearsal of the two winter plays to be performed Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., in the auditorium.

"I think the audiences are going to be surprised by the content of the plays because these plays are unlike anything that has ever been done here recently," said Mr. Latham.

Chris Alley will play Fred Peterson, a psychotic dreamer with a split personality in "Mirrors," a psychological drama.

Jake Beaty and Dana Goggins will portray Andrew and Meredith, an elderly couple who spend their time in reminiscing, in "Why Do We Laugh?".

Other cast members include Amy Freeman, Shawn Rankin, Amy Morris and Brandon Pardue.

Grade level meeting set

by Angelia Blackmon

Parents will have the opportunity to meet teachers and obtain class information at the 9th and 10th grade level meeting Nov. 13 from 7 - 8 p.m. in the auditorium.

"We will discuss guidance related information such as graduation requirements, testing and curriculum that was not discussed at Open House," said Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley.

Grade level meetings were started last year in order to improve communication between school and parents related to activities and age group concerns.

"The grade level meetings seem to have been very helpful to parents; they have been well attended," said Mrs. Colley.

Writing center aims to assist

by Rebecca Kelly

After six weeks of organizing and planning, the English writing center opened Nov. 5.

"I am very hopeful that this program will be a success. There are some excellent students who staff the center," said coordinator Steve Latham.

Purpose of the computer workshop (open 2nd-5th period) is to assist students who need help with essays, research papers and book reports.

It's News Downtown

City to hold holiday party

City merchants are planning their annual Holiday Season Kickoff Party Nov. 15, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Various groups will provide entertainment on every block. Special guests will include Santa Claus and Mr. Turkey. Spectators may purchase a ride on a horse and carriage.

The Toys for Tots "Penney a Point" pistol tournament will be Saturday, Nov.

Event set at MMS

by Brooklyn White

Geography Awareness Week will be held at Montevallo Middle School Nov. 12-16.

Scoliosis screening will be Nov. 19-22.

Special Ed students have a field trip to Oak Mountain Park set for Nov. 15. The excursion will be sponsored by the Boy Scouts.

Students in the 5th grade will take a three-day field trip to Camp Cosby Nov. 14-16. Mrs. Rebecca Beaty coordinates the trip for the group.

The kindergarten children took a trip to Birmingham Airport Monday (Nov. 5).

Barbara Milstead's class met with their pen pals at UM last week. The 2nd graders have been exchanging letters with college students this year.



17 at the Shelby County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge course.

The event will benefit underprivileged children. Anyone wishing to contribute should send donations to Steve Taylor at Station 6155 by Nov. 15.

Dr. Michael Anderson is constructing a new eye clinic on the corner of Bloch and Main Streets in Montevallo.

EDITORIALS



Smoking needs to stop

Although the Shelby County Code of Conduct states that smoking is prohibited in all schools, some students at MHS still find a way to light up in the bathrooms.

These students are not only contaminating their own lungs but also the lungs and clothing of students who aren't smoking in the bathroom/

More supervision should be provided in the restroom to halt this smelly problem.

Students who smoke should not smoke at school or quit altogether. The restrooms are a place for students to freshen up, not fill up with smoke.

Remember the vets

Next Monday (Nov. 12) schools will be closed, but students are dismissed not just for a break but to remember those who have served and even given their lives to protect freedoms enjoyed today.

Veterans Day is a time to remember and honor the men and women who fought to preserve the rights most American citizens take for granted.

These men and women disturbed their lives to serve the country in its time of need.

We hope that while everyone enjoys the vacation from school, they will remember to thank and honor those men and women who gave up so much to keep the American dream alive for the generations to come.

Students should buckle

Seat belts save lives. At every turn students hear this message. Despite the thousands of people killed in car accidents every year, most students do not even think to buckle that strap of material before driving out onto the road.

People complain about the hassle of putting on a seat belt and the way it wrinkles clothes; however, a ten second hassle and a few wrinkles are a lot better than a trip through the windshield.

Seat belts cannot save everyone, but taking a chance by not wearing them is just adding to the thousands who die every year.

Former teachers honored

When MHS observes Retired Teachers Day next Tuesday, nine former teachers will return. We salute them for their dedicated service and welcome them back.

Editorial Policy

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FOOTBALL STATISTICS

Comer Game	MHS	BBC
1st downs	7	8
Yds rush	29	234
Passes	17/7	5/1
Int'cptns	1	1
Yds pass	61	24
Tot off	90	258
Punt Avg	6/26.5	0
Fumb/lost	4/3	1/0

Montevallo Offense

Carrier	Car.	Yds.	Avg.
N. Miller	C6	41	6.83
K. Henderson	8	9	1.13
Passer	Att.	Com.	Yds.
L. Ernest	4	1	2
L. Gibson	12	6	51

Dallas Game

	MHS	DCHS
1st downs	9	15
Yds rush	94	174
Passes	2/17	5/12
Int'cptns	1	0
Yds pass	15	87
Tot off	104	261
Punt Avg	6/48	1/40
Fumb	0	0

Montevallo Offense

Carrier	Car.	Yds	Avg
A. Agee	9	54	6
K. Henderson	8	30	3.75
Passer	Att	Com.	Yds
L. Ernest	17	2	15

'Dogs face 'Cats

Montevallo will try to end their eight game losing streak as the Bulldogs host the Shelby County Wildcats tonight at 7:30 at Theron Fisher Stadium.

"They (SCHS) love to capitalize on their opponent's mistakes," said Coach Jim Vakakes.

This year the Wildcats (5-4) are 5A. They have wins over Pelham, Pleasant Grove, John Carroll, Leeds and Elmore County.

Four make All-Area team

Ladies win volleyball title

by Jason Hughes

Dot Bishop's Lady Bulldogs volleyball team advanced to sub-state play by defeating B. B. Comer to capture the 5A, District 7, title.

"It was good team play. We don't have a leader on the team, but we excel with teamwork," said Head Coach Dot Bishop.

The Ladies won the double elimination tournament after B. B. Comer put out Jemison. Montevallo defeated Comer in four straight games.

"It was very exciting to win the title. Everyone played to the best of their ability and put forth a great team effort," said Erika Jemison, a freshman who was one of four players named to the All-Tournament team.

Sophomores April Crocker, Kerie Junkins and Becky Snow were the other All-Tournament players.

The Ladies lost to Greensboro Nov. 5 in sub-state play. Greensboro won the first three games to earn the trip to the state tournament in Mobile, Nov. 7-10.

"After being so excited over winning area, I think we were just flat," said Coach Bishop.

The team ended the season with an 18-11 record; and Coach Bishop said, "The good thing about this team is that none of my players graduate this year."

Hornets score early, win 35-12

by Mark Segers

The Dallas County Hornets (5-3) celebrated Homecoming by scoring three first quarter touchdowns enroute to a 35-12 victory over the Bulldogs, Oct. 26.

"I felt that dropped critical passes and an unexecuted game plan were two of the most important factors in distinguishing the loss," said Head Coach Jim Vakakes.

After a scoreless first half the Bulldogs put points on the board off a touchdown run by senior quarterback Lance Ernest, who completed 2 of 17 passes for 15 yards for the night.

The Bulldogs scored again in the fourth quarter. A 16 yd. run by junior tailback Andra Agee ended MHS's scoring. Agee had 54 yards for the game. Senior Kacy Henderson added 30 yards as the 'Dogs compiled 94 yards on the ground compared to Dallas County's 174.

"I felt we could have beaten them, but we just didn't give 100% effort to take the victory home," said senior defensive end Paul Johnson.

Defensively Montevallo was led by linebacker Doug Pate and cornerback Henderson with 19 and 15 tackles, respectively. Junior strong safety Lee Fowler added 15 tackles to the 'Dogs' hit list.

The loss brought the 'Dogs record to 1-7.

Parents to get special treat

by Jack Clark

MHS will honor parents of varsity football players prior to the MHS-Shelby County game tonight.

"Parents Night is our way of recognizing the parents and thanking them for their support and the sacrifices they make in order to permit their sons to be a part of our athletic program," said Susie DeMent, coordinator of the event.

Honorees will be introduced prior to the game by announcer Herb Milstead.

Student Council will provide refreshments for these parents in the lower press box throughout the first half of the game.

B team beats Carroll, 8 - 0

by Jack Clark

The B team closed out their season with a 3-3 record as they blanked the 5A John Carroll Cavaliers 8 - 0 Oct. 29 at Carroll Field.

"I thought it was a good way to end the year," said Coach Kevin Raybon.

Montevallo's touchdown was a 10-yd. run by sophomore fullback Adam Vogel.

He also ran the two-point conversion.

Junior linebacker Brent Baugh helped keep The Cavaliers scoreless with two interceptions and a fumble recovery on defense.

Pierson looks for starters

by Jason Hughes

The basketball team will be out to better last year's 18-12 record and area championship as they travel to Midfield for the opener, Nov. 20.

Head Coach Bobby Pierson has the task of replacing the eight seniors (including four starters) who were lost from last year's team. Darrick Stallworth and Edward Patrick, a part-time starter, are the only starters returning from last year.

"This will be a semi-rebuilding year. If we can get off to a good start, we will have a good season," said Coach Pierson.

No games will be played at home for at least the first half of the season due to unfinished construction.

"We will have to play the first half of the season on the road and will try to schedule the last half at home after construction is over," said Coach Pierson.

Basketball players who do not play football have been running after school since Oct. 22. Practice for them officially began Oct. 29.

For area championship

Comer pours it on 50-0

by Mark Segers

The Bulldogs suffered their worst defeat of the season, Nov. 2, as the Tigers of B.B. Comer clinched the Area 7 title with a 50-0 romp over the 'Dogs at Tiger Stadium in Sylacauga.

The Tigers lived up to their No. 2 state ranking as they collected over 258 total yards and allowed the 'Dogs a total of only 90 yards.

"They (Comer) have at least four major college prospects; and with their size, speed and talent, they will probably be state champions," said Head Coach Jim Vakakes.

Leading rushers for MHS were junior fullback Noah Miller who had 41 yards on six carries and senior tailback Kacy Henderson who had 9 yards on 8 carries. The 'Dogs were led by the arm of junior quarterback Lance Gibson who came off the bench in relief for injured Lance Ernest. Gibson completed 6 passes for 59 yards.

"I feel that we played a hard game seeing that we (MHS) were facing the probable 4A state champs," said Miller.

Miller also led on defense with 12 tackles; senior defensive end Paul Johnson recorded 10 tackles.

"Even though they (Comer) were bigger and stronger than we are, it would have been a closer game if early mistakes hadn't hurt us," said Johnson.

Event started to honor vets

by Marie Hicks

The United States will observe Veterans Day Nov. 11.

Americans celebrate the occasion with parades and speeches. Special services are held at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

Some towns raise flags through the streets as a memorial to those who served in the United States Armed Services.

The event was first celebrated in 1919 as Armistice Day to commemorate the armistice that ended World War I. It was known as Armistice Day through 1953.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an act of Congress June 1, 1954, to honor veterans of all wars.

Since then this holiday has been known as Veterans Day.

Kiley earns prize for marksmanship

by Ann Shepard

Sophomore Wayne Kiley won a pellet gun shoot off against classmate Mike Garner during the Hunter Education Program in Tony Berry's ag classes.

"Hunter Education is a state program that teaches safe hunting and introduces firearm safety," said student teacher Marty Myers.

The unit was taught by student teachers Joe Dennis and Mr. Myers.

Montevallo Police Chief Allen Needham was guest lecturer during the unit.

"We felt they learned a lot," said Mr. Dennis.

Milstead Muses

School is better than illness

by Beth Milstead

It's that time of the year again--the time when the air gets a chill, the leaves fall off the trees and throats begin to ache. Ah, yes, it's fall--the season of the sick.

Doctors may love this weather, but not I. The idea of staying home and sleeping all day may sound appealing, but not when you're sick. Let me share a few ailing experiences with you.

First, sleeping is out! Have you tried to sleep when your temperature is hotter than that of the sun? It's virtually impossible. Also, you can't hear the television over your incessant coughing and sniffing. Your wallet suffers, too, since you go through about three boxes of Kleenex a day; and there's always the dreaded doctor's office visit. After a fearful sit in the waiting room, the doctor calls your name, armed with a needle.

There are ways to get over the extreme boredom of

being sick. If there are other people in the house, you can drive them crazy by calling out to them every five minutes for something to drink.

Or if you're really desperate, you can do like me and write an article for your school paper.

I don't know about you guys, but I would rather be bored at school with friends than at home sick with Oprah.

Fruit sale begins

Tony Berry's agribusiness classes are taking orders for the fruit sale.

"The money will go to provide new equipment for the ag department," said sophomore Cory Alexander.

The group is selling tangerines, oranges, grapefruit, mixed fruit and apples to be delivered Dec. 12.

Retirees to be honored-- (Cont.)

and Frances Smitherman. Mrs. Pendleton, now president of Retired Teachers of Shelby County, taught junior high science at MHS for 13 years before transferring to the middle school from which she retired in 1988.

Mrs. Smitherman was guidance counselor and English teacher until 1979 when she became principal at Montevallo Middle School. She retired in 1985.

Bookkeeper Carolyn McCollough and Guidance Counselor Colley are in charge of the reception.

Shane wins Good Citizen title-- (Cont.)

"I've known Shane for five years, and I have never known him to be anything less than a prime example of what this award stands for," said English teacher Steve Latham.

The other two seniors nominated were Paul Johnson and Michael McClain.



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Valley Street to go one way

by Robyn Lawley

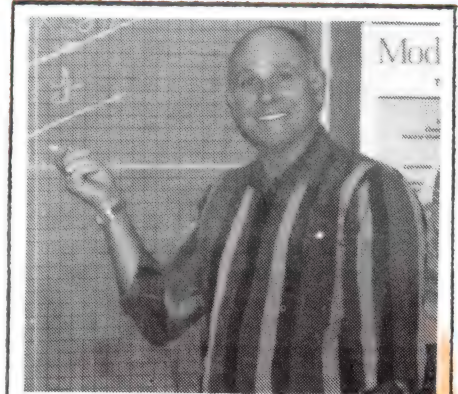
In an effort to make the streets safer around MHS, the Montevallo City Council voted a resolution on Nov. 13 to make Valley Street between Wadsworth and Bloch one way.

"The main reason the city is doing this is to avoid interaction between public traffic and our busing students," said Administrative Assistant Carol Knighten. "We've had several near accidents with traffic and busing students."

The city intends for the right lane of the road to be a walking corridor for students and the residents who live near the school. The street will extend one way, moving from University Video to the Moon Thornton Building.

The city plans to make the change official as soon as the One Way signs that have been ordered are delivered.

(See plan drawing p. 8)

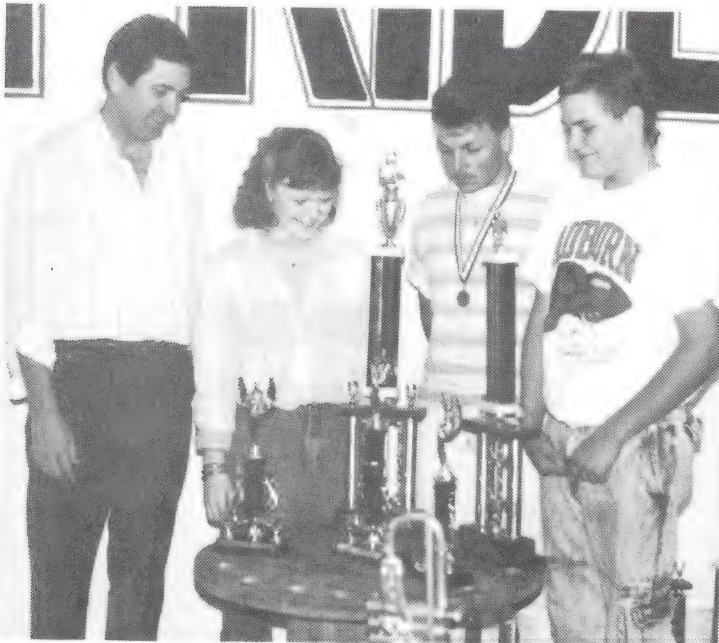


IS THIS CLEAR?

POPS Teacher of the Month
Doug Morris explains a math problem. (Story p. 4)

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KEEPING THE PRIDE

Band Director Jim Weese (left) admires the trophies won by the Troubadours in 1990 competitions with sophomore Kathy Weese, junior Andy Polk and freshman Danny Davis.

Band rates tops at Moody Invitational

by Robyn Lawley

The Marching Troubadours added to their accomplishments by earning Superior ratings (ones) at the Vulcan Invitational Marching Classic, Nov. 10.

"I feel as though the band has displayed superiority throughout the season and most especially at our last competition," said junior drum major Chris Alley.

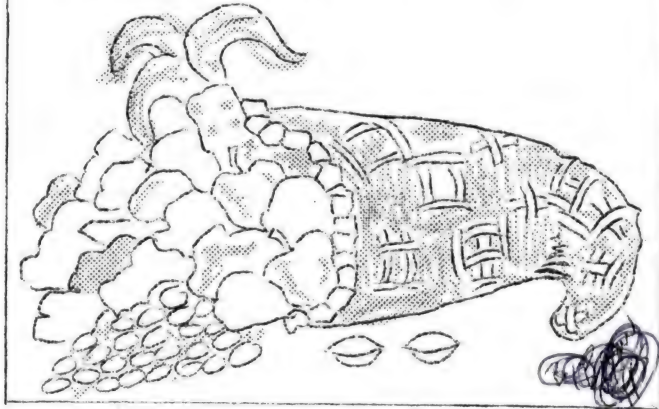
The competition was hosted by The Moody Blues of Moody High School at Lawson Field.

In addition to the band, the two drum majors and six majorettes rated one's.

"I was pleased with the band's performance considering the (muddy) field conditions," said Band Director Jim Weese. "It was a great way to end the season."

EDITORIALS

Give thanks!



Get to the issues

In the last election there was too much mud slinging for anyone to distinguish who was really running for office. The important issues were clouded by trivial facts concerning the opponents' personal lives and affiliations.



Jason Hughes

Even in the race for governor, the most important office in the state, there was no debate of important issues.

Paul Hubbert requested a debate with the incumbent Guy Hunt but was refused. Hunt, with strong grass roots popularity and negative campaign tactics had no reason to jeopardize his chances of re-election with a debate. Thus the voters were deprived of essential knowledge about the candidates.

Without knowing certainly where the candidates stand on central issues, how can the public know who they should vote for?

All candidates for major offices should be required to participate in widely publicized debates. Make the polls work for the public, not for the politicians.

Lighting appreciated

Students who complained last year about the lack of outdoor lighting around campus have noticed a tremendous change at the high school after sundown.

Since the beginning of the school year, maintenance technician Ronald Sessions and the City of Montevallo have installed lighting in locations around the campus.

The project for improved lighting was started last year by former Principal Norman Payne and completed by current Principal Ken Tatum and City Administrator Don Hughes.

We commend these men for their work in carrying out this much-needed safety measure for Montevallo high School.

Count your blessings

Tomorrow our nation will celebrate a special holiday known as Thanksgiving.

Although many people acknowledge this day, they don't quite comprehend what it actually means.

Students see it as time off from school to relax while others watch football games and eat big dinners.

Though these things are important, we should remember that Thanksgiving is a time to spend with family and friends and give thanks for all our blessings.

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Campus Notes

Band plans Yule concert

The symphonic band will perform their annual Christmas concert Dec. 20.

"I hope everyone will enjoy this concert," said Band Director Jim Weese. "The band members have worked very hard, and I think it will be a great success."

The band is scheduled to play "Coat of Arms," "Invicta," "Christmas Festival," "Sleigh Ride," and "Christmas Recollections."

The second six weeks grading period ends today (Nov. 22). Report cards will be distributed next Thursday.

Thirty-five parents attended the 9th and 10th grade-level meeting Nov. 13.

Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley said she was pleased with the interest shown as she reviewed graduation requirements other available programs.

FFA tractor-(Cont.)

judged on proper safety procedures and driving ability.

"I was scared at first, but it was fun once I got used to it," said sophomore Rick Brown.

The contest was also intended to prepare for the District FFA tractor contest which will be at Montevallo May 4.

Junior Barney Norris has represented MHS for the last two years. Mr. Berry has not selected this year's representative.

Visit leads to teaching career

by Morgan Griffin

Teaching algebra, geometry, trig and pre-calculus at MHS, Doug Morris has been named November's POPS Teacher of the Month.

Although Mr. Morris has been at MHS for the last 27 years, his teaching career came almost by accident.

"I had been out of college almost three years and was looking for a job. I came by MHS to get a transcript of my high school grades and Principal Guy Milford asked if I would like a math teaching job. I like kids, decided I would try it and have been here ever since," said Mr. Morris.

"He's excellent for any student who wants to learn," stated Administrative Assistant and biology teacher Carol Knighten. "He's the best."

In addition to his teaching duties, Mr. Morris advises the Algebra II and Advanced Math Teams.

"I regularly question Mr. Morris about different approaches to teaching various subjects in math," said math teacher Johnye Horton. "It's a big help to be able to exchange ideas with a man of his caliber."

When Mr. Morris is not busy with teaching duties, he enjoys playing the mandolin and pitching horseshoes.

Peer Helpers attend camp

by Laura Thomas

In order to improve listening skills Peer Helpers and sponsors Colleen Colley, Donna Dickson and Barbara Henderson attended a retreat at Camp Winnataska Nov. 3-4.

"The peers participated in group sessions, plays, the ropes course and other activities. I personally had a wonderful time, and I learned more about caring and sharing," said Ms. Henderson.

Students attending were as follows: freshmen Wade Britton, DaJuan Chappell, April Evans, Baye Taff and Joyce Thompson; sophomores Robin Huff, Theresa Williams and Melanie Wlodyga; and juniors Cynthia Goldsmith and Andy Roberts.

English classes do projects

by Crystal Minor

Steve Latham's 10th grade standard and advanced English classes are taking an innovative approach to studying the Arthurian Legend.

"The goal of the project is to give the students an opportunity to express themselves in a creative manner in conjunction with our study of the King Arthur Legend," said Mr. Latham.

Students chose from one of eight options ranging from designing a real estate advertisement or a costume to composing a booklet in which they compare the Arthurian Legend with the Star Wars movie trilogy.

On holidays

Survey held

by Crystal Minor

A recent Thanksgiving Day Survey done by SPOTLIGHT staffers revealed that most MHSers will spend the upcoming holidays at home or visiting relatives.

To some students Thanksgiving means a family get-together and having a big dinner that includes turkey and dressing, assorted vegetables and desserts.

Over 50 percent of 315 students who responded spend the day after by watching football, hunting or shopping.

Griffin's Garble

Are you listening?

In life it is very important to consider why one listens and what one listens to.

If people listen to hear something that will conform to the way they think, then their listening has very little meaning. It is confined, prejudiced, biased and dull.

Have you ever sat silently making an effort not to concentrate? In this state of mind one can hear everything! You can hear far off sounds as well as noises nearby. Through listening that way a person learns. If a person is listening to find out, then their mind is not confined to one narrow channel.

If you listen quietly without thinking, then your mind is free and not committed. The mind is very sharp, alive and capable of discovery.

If someone can listen with ease, and without thinking whether or not they like what they hear, they will find an extraordinary change taking place inside them.

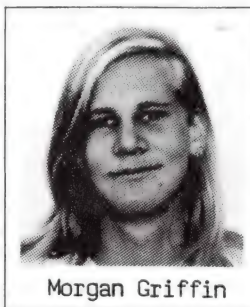
In this change they will see great inward beauty and happiness in themselves and others. They will have depth of insight.

After all, is that not what we all want--to have true happiness? However, listening and thought for most people is something put together by their minds as as they battle over their thoughts.

You cannot listen and be truly happy this way. One must listen beyond the words and the verbal expressions without searching for something that will conform to his way of thinking; one must look inside to find new discovery and true happiness in their listening.

Try it sometimes. Listen quietly to people. Listen to what they say and hear beyond their words. You can learn about feelings and life this way.

You can gain insight to others. It may seem hard and one may not totally understand this concept at first; but if one can do this, then their listening has a true meaning.



Morgan Griffin

Movie Review

FLATLINERS--Now playing, Galleria 10; Rated R

Chilling film worth seeing

by Crystal Minor

Columbia Pictures' FLATLINERS is the intense story of five pre-med students who dare to experience life after death. Keifer Sutherland, Julia Roberts, William Baldwin, Oliver Platt and Kevin Bacon suffer the consequences after their encounter with death. They find that they are haunted by mistakes from their past after meddling with the unknown.

The main message that one may get from this movie is that some lines are not meant to be crossed.

I give the movie an A because I left the theater with chills.

Book Review

Torments by Lisa W. Cantrell

Horror novel earns top score

by Ginger Johnston

Torments, written by Birmingham author Lisa W. Cantrell, is a suspense-building horror novel.

The story takes place at Halloween, a time to dress as from a nightmare and go from house to house collecting treats. This Halloween, however, the nightmares are reality and the horrifying creatures roaming the streets are the dead arising from the treat of people's souls. Torments is not a book for the reader who is easily scared or has a weak stomach.

On the horror scale, Torments is an A+.

FOOTBALL STATISTICS

MHS-Shelby Game

	MHS	SCHS
1st downs	10	10
Yds rush	83	184
Pass/Comp	9/6	3/2
Int'cptns	1	0
Yds Pass	107	28
Tot Off	190	217
Punt Avg	4/29.5	2/38
Fumb/Lost	1/1	3/2

MHS Offense

Carrier	Runs	Yds	Avg
K. Henderson	10	53	5.3
A. Agee	5	24	4.4
Passer	Att.	Comp.	Yds.
L. Gibson	9	6	107

As speaker

Terry Bowden
banquet guest

by Jack Clark

Samford Bulldogs Coach Terry Bowden will be guest speaker when the Athletic Boosters entertain the football team at the annual banquet Thursday, Nov. 29.

"I think it's great the Boosters could get Coach Bowden for the occasion; he has a reputation as an excellent after-dinner speaker," said Bulldog supporter Susie DeMent.

MHS Head Coach Jim Vakakes will announce permanent captains (named by the team) and present other awards to outstanding players, including MVP.

Cheerleader sponsors Judy Simmons, Carol Holsomback and Dianne McKinnon will introduce the cheerleaders.

The banquet will be in the Montevallo Room of the UM cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

Booster President Wayne Davis will serve as toastmaster for the event.

Wildcats win 39-13

Season ends on losing note

by Mark Segers

Montevallo's record fell to 1-9 as the 'Dogs ended their football season Nov. 1, losing 39-13 to the Shelby County Wildcats (6-4) at Theron Fisher Stadium.

"I wish we could've ended our season on a winning note, but at least I know we gave it our all," said senior defensive end Paul Johnson.

The Bulldogs looked impressive in the first half as freshman flanker Morgan Lawley and junior full-back Noah Miller crossed the goal line for the 'Dogs' only touchdowns.

Junior quarterback Lance Gibson threw for 107 yards, completing 6 of 9 passes (1 interception). Senior Kacy Henderson and junior Andra Agee contributed 53 and 24 yards, respectively, as the 'Dogs' compiled 190 total yards. But with 217 yards offense and by capitalizing on Bulldog errors, the Wildcats held the Bulldogs scoreless in the second half to secure the victory.

"I felt we could have won but we didn't score at crucial moments and allowed them to be the aggressor in the second half," said junior strong safety Lee Fowler.

Defensively, the Bulldogs were led by Fowler, Miller and Henderson--each recorded 11 tackles in the loss.

"The kids played hard and gave a good effort, and I'm looking forward to next Year's squad with high expectations," said Head Coach Jim Vakakes.

Ladies team gains talent

by Jack Clark

First year Girls Basketball Coach Mike Bramblett will go for his first career coaching win against Shelby County's Wildcats, there, Nov. 29.

"With the right amount of discipline, we should have a good team this year," said junior forward Lea Gaddis.

Coach Bramblett has four returning starters and two veteran transfer students. The team is presently practicing on fundamentals and learning new plays.

"I think we're going to be a strong contender in the state tournament," said junior guard Maggie Carter.

Returning starters are juniors Carter, Gaddis, La-shawn Fulgham and Cynthia Goldsmith. Coach Bramblett expects additional experience from junior Michelle Hall who played at Thompson and Tanya Brown, a transfer from Shelby County. Other squad members are junior Stephanie Montgomery, sophomore Christy Fletcher and freshmen players Racheal Brown, Latora Edwards, LaKisha Coleman, LaKisha Cox and Tomika Murphy.

Over Auburn

Staff predicts Tide victory

by Beth Milstead

According to a SPOTLIGHT staff poll, Alabama will reign victorious in this year's Iron Bowl, Dec. 1. In its 5th annual Iron Bowl poll, a consensus total of all rated the Tide a 17-13 favorite over the Tigers.

"Alabama has had a bad season so far, but they seem to have improved while Auburn has struggled in recent games," said staff member Ginger Johnston.

The game will be played at Legion Field in Birmingham. Last year at Jordan Hare Stadium the Tigers won 30-20.

"Auburn always plays Alabama tough. After a disappointing season, I think the Tigers will pull this one through," said senior Jason Hughes.

Score predictions are as follows:

Laura Alexander	Ala. 21-20
Angelia Blackmon	Ala. 21-20
Melissa Bramer	Ala. 21-14
Tiffany Brantley	Ala. 14-7
Jack Clark	Ala. 10-6
Renée Damon	Ala. 31-27
Morgan Griffin	Ala. 21-10
Jason Hale	Ala. 17-13
Kandi Hall	Ala. 13-6
Marie Hicks	Aub. 17-12
Jason Hughes	Aub. 10-7
Ginger Johnston	Ala. 27-10
Rebecca Kelly	Ala. 18-14
Robyn Lawley	Ala. 14-7
Beth Milstead	Aub. 14-13
Crystal Minor	Aub. 26-23
Mark Segers	Ala. 24-17
Ann Shepard	Aub. 14-10
Laura Thomas	Ala. 14-10
Larry Haynes	Ala. 13-9
Susie DeMent	Ala. 9-6

Due to gym renovations

Cagers will stay on the road

Unfinished renovation of the gym has caused Coach Bobby Pierson to shuffle his basketball schedule. All games before Christmas will be played on the road, giving the Bulldogs 10 home games after the holidays.

With the opening game set for Nov. 27 at Shelby County High, here is the schedule of games before Christmas.

Nov. 27	Shelby County	T
30	Wetumpka	T
Dec. 4	B.B. Comer	T
7	Vincent	T
11	Jemison	T
14	Calera	T
18	Pelham	T
21	Bibb County	T

The opening game to have been played with Midfield was cancelled.

Rule changes

State athletic officials ruled that the No. 1 seed in area play will host the area basketball tournament.

"This gives all teams an equal opportunity to host the meet," said Basketball Coach Bobby Pierson.

'Dogs open with Shelby 'Cats

by Mark Segers

The Bulldogs will tip off the 1990-91 basketball season Nov. 27 in Columbiana against Shelby County.

"We've been working real hard in practice, and we'll be looking for leaders to step out and take us to victory against the Wildcats," said senior Shannon Fletcher.

Coach Bobby Pierson's Bulldogs are coming off an 18-12, area championship season and are hoping to improve. They look for senior leadership from Darrick Stallworth, Edward Patrick, Vealance Watts, Shannon Fletcher, Lance Ernest and Kacy Henderson.

Other squad members are Keonta Staffney, Mike Jones, Carl Montgomery, Jason Whitehurst and Ricardo Shack.

"I think we're going to have a better season than last year, and more than likely hold our own as area champs and go on to the state playoffs," said Stallworth.

Shelby County, a former area rival, moved up to Class 5A this season.

Junior varsity ends season

A 30-yd. halfback pass on the last play of the first half gave Shelby County a season-ending 8-0 win over Montevallo's JV's, Nov. 8.

To go 0-7 was disappointing, but it was a consolation that we improved every week, and that's all a coach can expect from a group as young and inexperienced as our group was," said Coach Johnye Horton.

Coach Horton praised the play of freshman quarterback Eric Jones and the entire defensive team.

El-Mid News

MMS tops honor pupils

by Brooklyn White

Based on scholarship (90 or above average), leadership, character, service and citizenship, 15 eighth graders were tapped into National Junior Honor Society Nov. 5 at MMS.

Honorees are Dan Adams, Renee Byrd, Devon Clecklor, Sara Daum, Cynthia Edwards, Trent Ernest, Kevin Gardner, Lauren Garrison, Elizabeth Hamer, Christal Rhodes, Ginger Robbins, Luke Smith, Brooklyn White, Tara Womac and Thomas Wynn.

English teacher Jane Clayton will accompany the 8th graders as they visit Children's Theater, Dec. 6. The group will see The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.

MMS's annual Fall Festival will be held Nov. 30. The Festival includes the faculty/student volley ball game, dance and contests.

The elementary school's Christmas bazaar will be Nov. 7. Santa Claus will be on the football field at 5:30 and a pizza supper will be served at MES at 6.

The MES Social Studies Fair is Nov. 27-29. Parents are invited to come by the school and see the projects Nov. 29.

Fifth graders made their annual trip to Camp Cosby on Logan Martin Lake Nov. 14-16. Students were instructed in doll making and compass use.



Pilgrims not first to say thanks

by Kandi Hall

While MHSers are out of school tomorrow they will join students from around the United States in observing a time of thanks.

Although most people believe that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated less than a year after the Plymouth colonists had settled in the new land, the first observance of Thanksgiving was actually two years earlier, according to World Book Encyclopedia.

Thirty-nine English settlers arrived at Berkely Plantation on the James River to thank God for the blessings they had received. The first national proclamation of Thanksgiving in 1789 was issued by George Washington. However, it was not an annual observance until 1941 when Congress declared that the holiday would be celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November.

Dari-Dee to assist POPS

by Melissa Bramer

Dari-Dee has joined other businesses in awarding high achievers in the POPS (Power of Positive Students) program. They rewarded students with ice cream cones.

"Dari Dee asked specifically to be involved in our POPS program to recognize students who usually are not recognized through our Honor roll," said Donna Dickson. "Teachers were asked to choose one student in their classes who did not make the A or A-B Honor Roll but showed considerable effort to become a POPS student."

Salon offers financial help

by Melissa Bramer

Hair Impressions, a local business, pledged financial support to Montevallo Schools. They will give 50¢ for a haircut or \$1 for a permanent to a school when a student or teacher gets his or her done at their shop.

"We are doing this to show our appreciation for your business, and we hope that other businesses will donate money to the schools also," said manager Dinky Maddox.

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Math team members display their first place trophy. From left are Doug Morris (sponsor), Devon Wlodyga, Beth Milstead and Jason Hughes. (Not pictured is Gabrielle Metz.)

At University of Alabama

Math team captures title

by Angelia Blackmon

The advanced math team won first place in Division 3 at the University of Alabama Comprehensive Math Tournament Nov. 17 in Tuscaloosa.

"There were a lot of teams there, and it was exciting to get 1st place," said Gabrielle Metz.

Members participating were senior Jason Hughes; juniors Beth Milstead, Metz and Devon Wlodyga.

"I was downright pleased with the performance. We expect to do that some more," said team sponsor Doug Morris.

Individually, Jason tied for 9th place in the group of 495 students competing.

"I was pleased with the team's first place finish but felt I could have done better," said Jason.

Schools from Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee participated. Among Alabama schools competing were Vestavia, Grissom, Central of Tuscaloosa and Hewitt Trussville.

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Epperson gets HOBY honor

by Beth Milstead

Stacey Epperson will be MHS's delegate to the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Foundation Leadership Seminar next spring.

"Stacey's personality and clarity of expression, both written and oral, are two of her strongest characteristics. They make her an excellent representative of MHS," said English Teacher Steve Latham, HOBY selection chairman at MHS.

HOBY was founded by Hugh O'Brian to bring together high school sophomores and leaders in business, government, education, the arts and sciences and other professions.

Stacey and alternate Theresa Williams were chosen by a committee of
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STACEY EPPERSON
MHS'S HOBY REPRESENTATIVE

Santa to visit door winners

by Jason Hughes

Santa Claus is coming to MHS Dec. 21 to bring presents for the winners of the home-room decorating contest. The annual competition is sponsored by the National Honor Society.

"'Tis the season to be jolly. Let your spirit show," said NHS Advisor Colleen Colley who is in charge of the event.

Doors will be judged Dec. 12 on the basis of appearance and originality and spirit. Decorations should be up by 8:00 that morning.

Mrs. Colley has arranged for Santa Claus to deliver prizes to the winning class. Mr. Blanton's freshman home-room has won the competition for the past two years.

Food Drive planned

by Ann Shepard

Students interested in helping the needy can participate in the Student Council's annual Food Drive Dec. 10-21.

Classes will compete towards a school goal of 1500 cans of food.

Cans need to be brought in a bag marked with the donor's name and grade.

Epperson - (Cont.)

faculty and staff based on leadership ability, sensitivity to others and communication skills.

"I'm honored that my teachers chose me, and I intend to represent my school well," said Stacey, who is a member of the debate team, math team and science club.

Activity set for Spelling Bee

by Marie Hicks

The annual MHS Spelling Bee will be Dec. 18 in the auditorium during early activity period.

"I always look forward to the Spelling Bee because it gives the whole student body an opportunity to see the difficulty of the words used in the county and the state contests. The tension and excitement provide a challenging atmosphere for all students," said Spelling Bee coordinator Delilah Robinson.

The school winner and runner-up will receive prizes from the Academic Boosters. The winner will move on to county competition Jan. 10 at Thompson High School.

Participants are freshman David Potter; sophomores Stacey Epperson, David Lumpkin (last year's runner-up) and Theresa Williams; and junior Lee Wynn (last year's winner).

"There are a lot of other good spellers, but I feel I have an edge with my experience," said Wynn.

Scholars take computer quiz

by Beth Milstead

For the third year the Scholars' Bowl team took part in the Knowledge Master Open, a nationwide computerized academic competition, Dec. 5. The multiple choice test consisted of 200 questions dealing with literature, math, history, science, current events and trivia.

"The opportunity to compete against teams across the entire United States is unique," said Coach Geraldine Waitt.

The test, a team effort, was done during second through fourth periods.

Next, the group will participate in the Bibb County High Tournament and the Alabama Academic Decathlon.

"In practice everyone seems to be showing a lot of enthusiasm about competing," said freshman Jenny Clayton.

It's News Downtown

Parade held for soldiers

Students from the three Montevallo schools extended best wishes to the Calera National Guard as the group traveled through Montevallo last Wednesday.

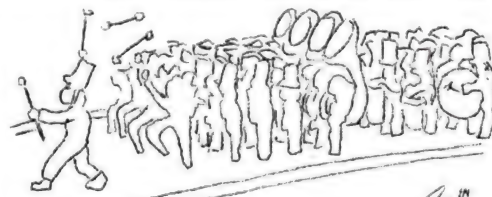
The Guard was enroute to Texas, where they will be trained for active duty in the Middle East.

The Marching Troubadours

led the soldiers' caravan through the city from MHS to the middle school.

The state is putting new traffic lights on Main Street. The new larger lights are more visible on sunny days.

The old traffic lights were installed in 1977.



EDITORIALS



Season starts early

My tree has been up since Thanksgiving. You mean you have not put yours up yet? Christmas is only three short weeks away! When will you find the time to decorate?



Melissa Bramer

Christmas is advertised earlier and earlier each year. It seems that people forget which holiday is being celebrated.

People put up Halloween decorations before October 1, Thanksgiving decorations before Halloween and Christmas decorations are up before Thanksgiving.

If one does not get holiday shopping completed within two weeks of the holiday, chances of finding supplies for the occasion are slim.

For example:: If a person goes into a store just a few days before Halloween, their main costume option is to dress as Santa.

To alleviate this problem, store owners should wait till one holiday is over before they display decorations for the next.

This adjustment would renew the holiday anticipation usually associated with Christmas.

Recalling Pearl Harbor

Today marks the 49th anniversary of the most destructive war in world history. On December 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, HI. The following day Congress declared war on Japan, and for four years the United States was involved in a conflict that caused millions of casualties.

With over 200,000 troops already in the Persian Gulf area, the US faces the threat of a similar situation arising soon.

As nations struggle through this conflict, Americans should remember the sacrifices of World War II and pray that mankind will not experience the devastating effects of another world war.

Coach sets standards

It is rare to find players and coaches who show class and good sportsmanship in all situations. Head Coach Bobby Pierson and his basketball team demonstrated these qualities in their game last Friday (Nov. 30) at Wetumpka.

The tactful way they handled a difficult situation is commendable. Even the Wetumpka coach complimented them on their character and sportsmanship.

Coaches and players on all levels can learn from this exemplary conduct.

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Lawley, Kelly make top 10

by Melissa Bramer

Senior majorettes Robyn Lawley and Rebecca Kelly earned scholarships by placing among the top ten in the Young Woman of the Year competition for Shelby County, Nov. 17 at Thompson High School.

"I was absolutely thrilled and extremely proud that our school was represented so well by these two girls," said majorette sponsor Delilah Robinson.

Rebecca, daughter of Larry and Martha Kelly, received a \$400 business scholarship. For the talent competition she recited an original dramatic speech entitled "Thoughts of a Soldier."

"With the happenings in the Middle East, I felt this was appropriate. It's a scary thought to know that young men may be sent to fight in a war and never make it back to see their families again," said Rebecca.

Robyn earned a \$400 law scholarship. She is the daughter of Clifford and Flo Lawley. She twirled to "Great Balls of Fire" for her talent competition.

"I felt the routine was appropriate for the occasion because it was extremely difficult, and it was different from what everyone else was doing. I believe the creativity of my routine had an effect on my being in the top ten," said Robyn.

Lani Garlington of Pelham High School captured the title as Young Woman of the Year and was awarded a \$2000 scholarship. Thompson High's Heather Williams, daughter of MHS Librarian Freda Williams, received \$1200 in scholarship money as first runner-up.

Actors prepare for plays

by Jason Hughes

This year's winter dramatic production will consist of two one-act psychological dramas to be held in the auditorium Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

"Mirrors" tells of a schizophrenic man's (Chris Alley) quest for the reality of his life. "Why Do We Laugh?" traces the lives of Andrew Powers and Meredith Wilfred from the time they are playmates until they are an older married couple.

"I chose these plays because they are unlike anything we have done before. They should challenge the cast and audience alike," said Director/Producer Steve Latham.

Other members of the cast of "Mirrors" are Shawn Rankin, Kristie Nixon, David Lumpkin, Andy Roberts and Amy Freeman. Supporting players for "Why Do We Laugh?" include Jake Beaty, Ben Boothe, Dana Goggins, Amy Morris, Brandon Pardue, Kathy Polk and Beverly Yeager.

"These plays have been the most challenging I have ever acted in. I am looking forward to further dramas of this type," said Alley who also has a supporting role in "Why Do We Laugh?".

"Rehearsals have been rocky, but I know we will all come together by the time of the play," said Mr. Latham.

Class picks Who's Who

Seniors recently elected a boy and a girl in eight categories for Who's Who. These students will be featured in the yearbook for the first time since 1983.

Winners of the 1990-91 edition are as follows:

Best Dressed

Richie Hamer, Angelia Blackmon

Best Looking

Doug Pate, Crystal Minor

Most Likely to Succeed

Jason Hughes, Robyn Lawley

Most School Spirit

Paul Johnson, Leanne DeHaven

Most Athletic

Kacy Henderson, Karen Fulgham

Most Talkative

Cedric Fields, Joy Dover

Class Clown

Jason Hale, Vicki Renfro

Over-All Favorite

Mike McClain, Crystal Minor

Yearbooks sold

by Tiffany Brantley

The annual staff sold 227 MONTALAS. Yearbooks will be distributed in mid-April. The annual will have 128 pages.

"The staff worked hard I am proud of them," said Sponsor Bill Hunt.

The staff plans to sell doughnuts to raise funds for completion of the book.

Rings to return

Class rings for 1992 graduates are scheduled to arrive Dec. 14. Class Advisor Donna Dixon stated there will be a ceremony in the cafeteria for students receiving rings.

Students owing a balance should bring the money for ring pick-up.

Pierson seals win on road

by Jack Clark

Coach Bobby Pierson's Bulldogs overcame a controversial call to edge Wetumpka 50-49, Nov. 30.

Outstanding offensive performances in the second half by junior guard Rick Shack (11 points) and senior Kacy Henderson (10) sealed the win.

With 7 seconds remaining Wetumpka was fouled on a 3-point attempt. Erroneously, the referee awarded the player three free throws which he made.

Coach Pierson, who protested before the three shots, asked for a rule check. A phone call to the State's Athletic Director corrected the error, giving MHS a 50-49 victory.

The B team was not so fortunate as they lost to the Indians 39-30.

The Bulldogs travel to Vincent tonight; Jemison, Dec. 11; Calera, Dec. 14; and Pelham, Dec. 18.

For basketball teams

New season brings victories

by Mark Segers

Montevallo went 3 for 4 in basketball on opening night, Nov. 27, as the varsity, junior varsity and the women's team posted victories, with the B-team recording the only loss.

Coach Bobby Pierson's varsity tamed the Shelby County Wildcats, 82-73, making it the eighth victory in a row for the Bulldogs over the 'Cats. The 'Dogs' last loss to Shelby was in the Area Tournament of 1988.

Jones leads the way

Sophomore Mike Jones led Montevallo, scoring 23 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Seniors Darrick Stallworth, Ed Patrick and Shannon Fletcher scored 14 each.

The Wildcats' Stan Portis looked impressive from the 3-point range in the first half, sinking five. But a strong effort by Stallworth quieted his scoring to only three points in the second half.

"I think we played sloppy in the first half, but we managed to pull it together in the second half and come home with a win," said Coach Pierson.

Hall is top 'Dog as Ladies win

The Lady Bulldogs opened the play at Columbiana defeating the Lady Wildcats 39-18. Junior Michelle Hall led all scorers with 16 points, recording 8 of them in the first quarter. Junior Lea Gaddis scored 12.

"They did a fine job, and I think they'll do all right this year," said Coach Jim Vakakes, who took over

as girls' basketball coach when former Coach Mike Bramblett left for a position at Homewood High School.

The B team took the only loss at Columbiana as Shelby County pulled out a close one 43-36. Sophomore Maurice Campbell and junior Tony Honeycutt scored 12 apiece for Montevallo.

"We didn't play to our potential, but we hope to improve as the season goes on," said Coach Tom Hester.

Eighteen points from 8th grader Keith Collins and a good second half defense got Coach Kevin Raybon's Bulldogs past the Briarwood Lions 39-30 at Briarwood.

JV players gain recognition

by Morgan Griffin

Junior Varsity Coach Johnye Horton presented certificates of recognition to JV football players at a dinner in the cafeteria, Nov. 26. Ten 9th graders, twelve 8th graders and sixteen 7th graders were honored at the event. Certificates of appreciation were also given to the B-team cheerleaders.

"Our players were excited about the attention given them," said Coach Horton. "I believe JV football is on the way up at MHS."

The Boosters presented gift certificates in appreciation to Coaches Horton and Richard Colley.

Varsity Coach Jim Vakakes complimented the JV program and welcomed 9th graders to next year's varsity. Other speakers included Principal Ken Tatum who addressed the importance of academics in high school. Booster President Wayne Davis emceed the event.

El-Mid News

MES plans annual bazaar

by Brooklyn White

Santa arrives tonight at 5:45 for the Christmas bazaar at the elementary school. The annual event features a pizza supper, raffles, games and crafts.

Third and fifth graders participated in the annual Jump Rope for Heart. Funds earned were contributed to the American Heart Association.

The first grade visited classrooms set up as different countries titled "Christmas around the World." Students learned about Christmas customs of other countries.

The same group will make a field trip to Tannehill State Park Dec. 10.

The 8th grade band's Christmas Concert will be Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Students in Donna Thompson's 7th grade social studies classes are learning history first hand.

One hundred forty students have written to troops in the Persian Gulf region. Several students have gotten replies which they shared with the class.

The MMS choir, directed by Katherine Stewart, will sing a variety of Christmas songs at the band's concert.

Montevallo Middle School students got to see the Snake Show Tuesday.

The man in charge showed a variety of reptiles and explained each one.

Born to expire?

As I look at the world crumbling underneath my feet, I wonder how we've managed to put it in the shape it is in. I look at all the pain and suffering a few good men have caused and wish I could die. Sometimes I think we should all be dead and be put out of all the misery we've caused.

Just how far can we push Mother Earth? How much longer can we bite the hands that feed us?

When I was younger, I dreamed of living in a world where everyone could be happy. Now my dream is my worst nightmare, and I fear our end is upon us.

Our ancestors have caused more destruction in the last 100 years than in all of mankind's history combined.

We live in a world filled with politicians who start wars to amuse themselves and make themselves a little money while killing the rest of the country. Our government has created weapons capable of destroying everything that has ever thought about living and asks us to pay more taxes so they can buy their tools for war. Just to take a little closer look at reality, we're about to have a war in Saudi Arabia over oil.

But our government knows what's best for us, don't they? Our government knows how to make money, and our blindness of it is their most precious gift. Congress tells us to open our wallets, send them money and they will tell us lies saying that it's all better.

These are hard times, and it's time for some crucial changes if we want to stay around much longer.

First, I don't claim to have all the solutions to make the world live in harmony; but I think I have some good advice. Don't be a henchman of the suffering multitudes. Stand on your laurels and praise the good of other men for good man's sake.

Campus Notes

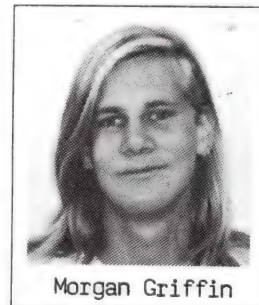
Secretary gets present

by Ginger Johnston

Bookkeeper Carolyn McCollough won a money tree covered with \$1 bills equalling \$50 at the City Holiday Party Nov. 8. Jefferson Federal Savings and Loans donated the tree.

The Student Council is selling Desert Shield T-shirts for \$10 each to help raise money for families of men and women in Saudi Arabia. Representatives will take orders in homeroom through today (Dec. 7).

The main office has a new computer network system. By working together four computers are able to transfer important information such as grades, tardies and attendance records.



Morgan Griffin

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SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER

Principal Ken Tatum along with secretaries Carolyn McCollough and Judy Shaw deck the main office walls in Yuletide decor.

MHS to air world events

by Beth Milstead

A nationally televised student news broadcast will be aired daily next year at MHS. By the end of this school year, the Whittle Communications Educational Network will have installed 19 closed circuit TV's donated to the school for use in the classrooms.

"I believe the closed circuit will give teachers another instructional method
(Cont. p. 4)

SC brings Christmas to needy

by Jason Hughes

Not all children will wake up to a stocking full of gingerbread cookies and candy canes Christmas morning. In fact, many families may not have anything at all. The annual Student Council food drive, designed to help those needy families, ends tomorrow, Dec. 21.

"The food drive is a very special part of sharing Christmas at MHS. It gives us an opportunity to combine our resources and really make a difference for people in need," said Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley.

Food collected in the drive will be distributed to families in the Montevallo area by Shelby Emergency Assistance, Inc., a United Way agency. The goal for MHS this year is 1500 pounds.

"The food drive is just one way we have of helping the community and allowing our students to gain experience by assisting with a rewarding service project," said Student Council Advisor Johnye Horton.

The class which contributes the most canned goods will be given a Coke party. Students should label their packages of canned goods and turn them in to homeroom teachers.

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ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP

POPS Teacher of the Month Barbara Belisle assists senior English students Beth Fletcher and Camille Campbell. (See story p. 2)

POPS Teacher

Mrs. Belisle gets involved

by Tiffany Brantley

Teaching 11th grade standard and advanced English and 12th grade standard and Advanced Placement English at MHS, Barbara Belisle has been named December's POPS Teacher of the Month.

Mrs. Belisle has been in education for over 22 years; and although entertaining is her first love, she does not regret her choice of professions.

"I teach because of the joy it gives me. But I do still plan to become a nightclub entertainer after I retire from teaching," said Mrs. Belisle.

According to Mrs. Belisle her approach to teaching is to never assume that her students know everything and to teach each student as if she were talking to the person individually.

She also enjoys challenging the mind of a student who thinks he or she knows everything.

"She's a good teacher. She's always involved and is always trying to help a student," said senior English AP student Rebecca Kelly.

Mrs. Belisle was Drama Club sponsor until last year. She has been doing that since 1973 when the club was formed at MHS.

"I gave the club up because I needed more time to spend with my grandchildren," she said.

In her free time, she loves reading good books and spending time with her children and grandchildren.



BOUND FOR THE BOWL GAME

Getting ready to perform at the All-American Bowl are majorettes (rear, l-r) Crystal Minor, Angelia Blackmon, Rebecca Kelly; (front) Heather Sullivan, Joy Draper, Robyn Lawley.

Twirlers rate "All - American"

An excellent performance at Heart of Dixie Camp at Jacksonville State last summer resulted in a Christmas treat for the majorette squad. The group has been invited to perform for the second consecutive year in the All-American Bowl parade and halftime show in Birmingham, Dec. 28.

"I am looking forward to the many activities related to the All-American Bowl. I know it will be an exciting and busy time for me and the girls," said Sponsor Delilah Robinson.

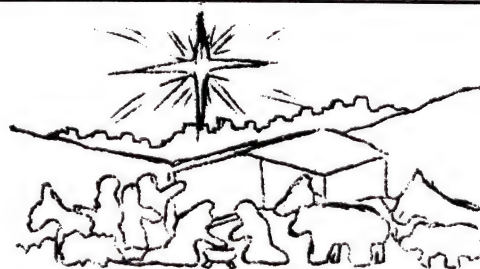
It's News Downtown

Church plans live nativity

The Montevallo First United Methodist Church will hold its annual live nativity scene Dec. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. on the lawn.

Along with human Biblical characters, live animals will include a donkey, cow, goat and lambs.

The story of Jesus' birth as recorded in Luke Chapter 2 will be read every 30 minutes. Christmas music will also be played.



The University of Montevallo held fall Commencement Exercises Dec. 18 in Palmer Auditorium.

Spring semester classes will begin Jan. 16. Residence halls will reopen on January 13.

Top Cuts, the hair styling salon which had pledged money to schools earlier this year, closed for good last week.

EDITORIALS



Jesus--the real reason

The first Christmas that little Linda learned to read she was allowed to distribute the family gifts on Christmas Eve. After all the gifts were given out with loving care, Linda kept looking around the tree and among its branches.

Finally her father asked, "What are you looking for, Sweetheart?"

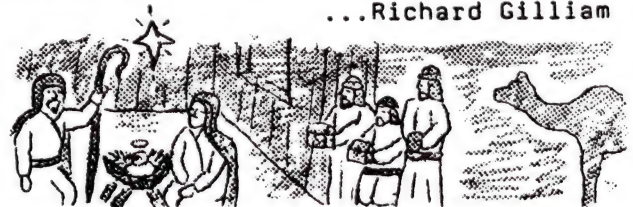
Linda replied, "I thought Christmas was Jesus's birthday, and I was just wondering where His present is. I guess everyone forgot Him."

As we approach the Christmas season, let us remember that "Jesus is the reason for the season." Almost 2000 years ago, our loving heavenly Father gave us the greatest gift ever given--abundant life and salvation through His Son--Our Savior.

The best gift we can give in return is to live a life that demonstrates His love to a world that has neglected and rejected Him.

Let us REMEMBER THE REASON FOR THE SEASON and share a joyous Christmas.

...Richard Gilliam



Looking back as year ends

As a new year approaches, it is time to reflect on events on local and national levels in 1990.

We were confronted with the Middle East crisis which began just as the

Cold War was ending after more than 40 years.

The year also brought back many styles from the 60's, such as psychedelic colors, hip huggers, stretch pants and wrap around skirts.

At MHS, many renovations caused inconveniences as the school began in the middle of construction. The school also got a new principal as Ken Tatum replaced eight-year Principal Norman Payne.

This year has brought excitement and frustration.

No one can really know what 1991 will bring, but I encourage everyone to set high goals as seniors finally reach the year they leave high school and face more decisions and responsibilities.



Robyn Lawley

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MHS airs - (Cont.)

method to get across to their students," said Principal Ken Tatum.

The TV's will be used daily for ten minutes of Channel One, a national education network that broadcasts into high schools. It will also allow school leaders to send information to classrooms via closed circuit.

"I am excited about this opportunity because we will be able to offer broadcast journalism classes in the future," said journalism teacher Larry Haynes, who has a major in communications. "This could lead to a weekly segment of school news."

The new media equipment will be kept in the library under supervision of Librarian Freda Williams.

"We will also benefit from the equipment provided by the company because we could not ordinarily afford such a massive amount of electronic mechanical hardware," said Principal Tatum.

The Shelby County Board of Education is also arranging for the Channel One program to be broadcast in other schools around the county.

"It will give students an opportunity to view local, national and international news that is broadcast by students their own age," said Board of Education Director of Instruction Evan Major.

Assembly planned

Carrying out an annual holiday tradition, the symphonic band will perform Christmas favorites tomorrow during a special activity period from 9:05 to 9:35.

The choir will also perform traditional Christmas carols.

Miracle creates Jewish event

by Beth Milstead

Many people associate the Jewish holiday Hanukkah with Christmas, but the celebrations are based on different religious histories and hold separate meanings. According to Hanukkah by Malka Drucker, Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, is a celebration in remembrance of the first fight for freedom by Jews in Israel.



In 175 BCE Syrian King Antiochus IV took over Israel with intentions of destroying Judaism. The Jews would not surrender and a great religious war began. On the 25th of Kislev, the third Hebrew month, 165 BCE., a small army of Jews led by Judah Maccabee defeated the large Syrian army and marched to the Temple in Jerusalem. The Jews began to rebuild the ruined Temple and celebrated for eight days and nights when it was finished.

It is believed that the celebration lasted eight days because when Maccabee searched for the sacred oil to relight the Temple menorah, a candelabrum used in Jewish worship, he found enough for only one day. Miraculously, it lasted for eight days and nights.

Today the Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah by lighting menorahs in their homes. The eight candles are lit one day at a time on the eve of each day. As each candle is lit special prayers are said over them. Many families also sing songs of praise.

Though Hanukkah honors a fight for religious freedom, it is a time of joy. Games such as katrores, Hanukkah Scrabble and spinning the dreidel are part of the festivities. Families also enjoy special foods such as latkes (potato pancakes) and sufanieryot (orange flavored doughnuts fried in oil).

In America families exchange gifts because the children view it as equivalent to Christmas presents.

Based on the Hebrew calendar, Hanukkah is not always on the same date. This year the holiday was observed from nightfall December 11 to nightfall December 19.

Math team to compete

by Beth Milstead

For the second year, the advanced math team will compete in the Livingston University Comprehensive Math Tournament, Jan. 19.

"I expect the team to do well at Livingston because they will be competing on their own level," said Sponsor Doug Morris.

The team will participate in the small school division (schools with 300 or less students in the top three grades). The test will consist of 40 multiple choice questions and will last two hours.

Team members are seniors Jason Hughes and Shannon Fletcher and juniors Gabrielle Metz and Beth Milstead.

Tatum urges positive way

I CONSIDER all students at Montevallo High School to be young adult men and women. As such, I expect the highest standards from all.

I SHOULD THINK that all students would consider themselves leaders for all phases of school life and school-sponsored activities.

THE ACTIVITIES you get involved in, the leadership qualities you exhibit, the precedence you set, the responsibility you assume, the cooperation you give the faculty and administration and the attitudes you project will live on in the minds of those who follow you for years to come.

ALL OF YOU can create a positive image of quality leadership or you can leave a negative image of poor leadership. Whichever path you choose, either negative or positive, history is being formed.

MOST STUDENTS HERE ARE sincerely interested in leaving a positive image. They are dependable, trustworthy, and are proud to have arrived at the pinnacle of their school life. One attribute of a good citizen is that he does what is right regardless of what others may be doing, one way or the other.

RULES AND REGULATIONS, whether or not you understand them, or whether or not you choose to understand them, are made to govern the entire student body. I don't expect all students to understand the if's and why's of every rule and regulation made

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The forgotten heroes

It's close to Christmas and Mr. Selfish Lawyer walks by the Salvation Army Post in the mall and thinks, "Forget the homeless; they can find jobs . . . this is America."

Yeah--this is America, home of the not-so-free and the land of a few braves.

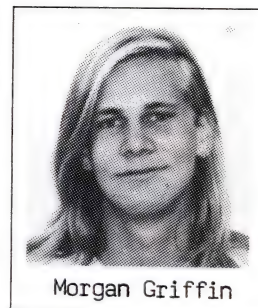
If anyone out there in Christmas land feels the same as Mr. Lawyer, I hope his hands grow cold and he shivers when he reaches in his pockets to buy his wife that fur coat.

In my eyes, if one is so cold hearted that he ignores the homeless at "The Time for Giving," I believe he is missing the true meaning of Christmas.

Behind Mr. Lawyer walks the mechanic whom Mr. Lawyer looks down on because he has scars and blisters on his hands and steel cap boots on his feet. But it is the mechanic who will reach into his pocket and willingly give what he has worked so hard for.

Now whose example should we follow? Myself, I look up to the working class of the USA because most of them know about hard times and are willing to give to the less fortunate.

We should remember the blue collar worker and take a lesson from him. (Of course, remember that there are some wealthy people who give all they can to help the needy.) But it is the working class who provide for their families with less money that are still willing to give to those who can't make it alone. These individuals are the true forgotten heroes of this land.



Morgan Griffin

Pupils share Christmas ideas

by Laura Alexander

Money, clothes, stereos and cars are among top Christmas gift wishes in the 1990 SPOTLIGHT Christmas survey. Of the 318 responses, the most popular wish was for peace, happiness and for the soldiers in Saudi Arabia to come home.

Most participants agreed with junior Mandy Creel and are spending Christmas at home with their families.

Among the most popular gifts are stereos, money, jewelry and cars. Senior Shane Stoudenmire hopes for a "Daisy Red Rider BB gun," while sophomore Ethan Muehlbauer wants a 10 megaton thermonuclear explosive.

New Year's resolutions ranged from freshman Kintu Jackson's "Don't know" to junior Maggie Carter's resolution "to try to make the world a better place."

English Teacher Delilah Robinson "wants to spend more time with my family."

Despite all the differences in the most popular gift choices and resolutions, the majority of students agree that the real meaning of Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Dogs travelIn 83-32 romp

Delays slow work in gym

by Beth Milstead

Due to renovation delays, Coach Bobby Pierson and his basketball team may not play any games this season in the Susie DeMent Gymnasium.

"I feel real bad for the seniors who won't be able to play at home this year," said Coach Pierson.

Renovation of the gym includes a new floor, new bleachers and expanded seating in a new balcony. Most of the construction is expected to be finished by January. However, with bleachers not arriving until February, the season could be over before the seating can be installed.

"I wish we could play at home, but it's the game that counts," said senior forward Edward Patrick.

Construction on the gym began last August.

At Jemison, Vincent

Ladies win one and lose one

by Jason Hale

The Lady Bulldogs batted .500 in basketball games against Jemison and Vincent. Despite some critical turnovers on the road, the Ladies slipped by Jemison to win their first area match 47-46, Dec. 11.

"We need to stop having turnovers and learn to play together as a team," said junior Maggie Carter.

Junior Lea Gaddis with 18 points and freshman Rachel Brown 14 led Montevallo in the victory.

An aggressive Vincent squad gave MHS its first loss of the season 49-42, Dec. 7.

"We didn't have our minds on the game in the first half, but in the second half we came out more enthusiastically," said Gaddis.

Gaddis led the 'Dogs with 12 points. Carter and Michelle Hall followed with 11 points apiece.

Bulldogs record area win

by Jack Clark

Outstanding offensive performances by junior guard Rick Shack (19 points) and senior forward Shannon Fletcher (17 points and 9 rebounds) led Coach Bobby Pierson's Bulldogs to an 83-32 area victory over Jemison Dec. 11.

"It was a typical Montevallo vs Jemison basketball game. We went (there) and we played team basketball," said Pierson after the Bulldogs ran their record to 4-0.

The 'Dogs stretched a 43-21 halftime lead to 34 points by the end of the third period. A stingy defense was the key in the second half as Montevallo held the Panthers to only 11 points.

To give the 'Dogs a sweep, sophomore Maurice Campbell led the B Team to a 54-37 victory.

"We played a lot better defense than before and it was a total team effort. I was pleased overall," said B Team Coach Tom Hester.

Record goes to 5-0

'Dogs win it all at Calera

by Mark Segers

Coach Bobby Pierson's basketball team remained unbeaten at 2A Calera, Dec. 14, as the varsity and B team came away with victories.

Coach Pierson "was pleased" with the Bulldogs as they defeated the Eagles 64-60, for a 5-0 record.

"We played well together. Crucial teamwork down the stretch proved essential," said Pierson.

Calera's Eddie Fulgham put the Eagles ahead 28-25 at halftime with one of his five 3-pointers.

MHS took the second half lead, but Calera pulled to within 2 points with only 23 seconds remaining. Critical free throws by seniors Darrick Stallworth and Vealance Watts sealed the victory.

Stallworth led MHS scoring with 16 points--10 coming at the free throw line. Fulgham had 21 points for Calera.

The B Team won its third in a row, 66-54.

Coaches cite football duo

by Jack Clark

Two MHS seniors were named to Shelby County Reporter's All-County Football Team. Quarterback Lance Ernest and tailback Kacy Henderson made first team in the Reporter's annual coaches' poll.

"They are very deserving of the award," They are great kids with a lot of class," said Head Coach Jim Vakakes.

Henderson ran the ball 63 times for a 7.8 yards average per carry. Ernest finished the year completing over 50 percent of his passes.

Senior nose guard Shane Stoudenmire and junior fullback Noah Miller earned Honorable Mention in the same poll.



ALL COUNTY PERFORMERS
Lance Ernest and Kacy Henderson

At football banquet

No losses

JV's post win at Pelham

by Jack Clark

The Bullpups continued winning extending their record to 3-0, defeating the Pelham Panthers 63-58, Dec. 6.

Coach Kevin Raybon's junior varsity won the game with sound defense in the first half and an outstanding offensive performance by freshman Jonathan Burns, who scored 36 points.

Members of the JV squad are Wade Britton, Jonathan Burns, Keith Collins, Brad Davis, Drew DeHaven, Chris Fulmer, Kintu Jackson, Eric Jones, Shawn Jones, Baker Lawley, Morgan Lawley, Demetrius Lilly, Jerome Patrick, Tyrice Staffney and Robert Williams.

The JV's will have the Christmas holidays off and then hit the road again as they travel to Chelsea Jan. 14 for their next game.

Top players receive awards

by Mark Segers

Football players and cheerleaders were recognized Nov. 9 by the Athletic Boosters in honor of their performances for the 1990 season.

"The banquet was real classy. It was like a second prom," said senior Richie Hamer.

Senior Kacy Henderson walked away with the Most Valuable Player recognition as well as the Big Hit Award. Shane Stoudenmire also took home two awards--Most Outstanding Defensive Lineman and Coaches' Award. Lance Ernest and Doug Pate were named Captains.

Other award winners were Daniel Bunn (Outstanding Offensive Lineman), Lee Fowler (Outstanding Defensive Back), Noah Miller (Outstanding Offensive Back). Brent Baugh, Mike Jones and Rick Brown received Most Improved Player honors. Jonathon Scarborough also won a Big Hit Award. Bulldog Memories (scrapbook) went to Jason Hughes.

Guest speaker for the evening was Samford Coach Terry Bowden. He stressed the importance of doing your best in academics as well as in athletics if you are going to compete.

"Be committed to it," said Coach Bowden.

"Coach Bowden was an excellent speaker. His presentation challenged me to re-evaluate my future plans," said senior Carson Burtch.

"Although everyone could not walk away with an award, they're still winners in my opinion," said Head Coach Jim Vakakes.

Booster President Wayne Davis emceed the banquet, which was held at the University of Montevallo.

Dora invites

For the second year the Bulldogs will compete in the Dora Invitational Basketball Tournament, Dec. 27-29.

Opening against West Jefferson at 5:30 Thursday, the 'Dogs will play either Hillcrest or Corner Friday, depending on the outcome of first games.

Finals are Dec. 29.

A ten-player All Tournament team and MVP will be named by coaches.

Bulldog Growls

Strength is power

by Mark Segers

If a football program wants to be a consistent winner in the 90's, players must take part in a conditioning program on a year round basis.

Weight lifting is one way football coaches develop their players' strength and power. Although the season will not begin until next August, Coach Jim Vakakes keeps the team involved in off season weight lifting.

"Lifting weights is a vital part of preparation for football players," said Coach Vakakes who used to bench 400 lbs. until he hurt his back last year. According to Coach Vakakes the top 10 bench pressers for the 1990-91 year are as follows:

Carson Burtch--325 lbs.
Shane Stoudenmire--300 lbs.
Freddie Green--275 lbs.
Mark Bryant--275 lbs.
Noah Miller--275 lbs.
Chuckie Gaddis--260 lbs.
Jason Hughes--260 lbs.
Paul Johnson--250 lbs.
Kacy Henderson--250 lbs.
Lee Fowler--240 lbs.

"Bench pressing can sometimes be strenuous, but its rewards are worth the effort," said Burtch.

Coach Vakakes is hoping the effort will lead to an area championship when the 1991 season begins.

Cagers sweep Vincent squads

by Mark Segers

Montevallo's basketball squads swept 3A Vincent on the road Dec. 7. Coach Bobby Pierson earned his first career victory over the 'Jackets with a 56-55 win, while Coach Tom Hester's B Team got their first win of the season as they topped Vincent 33-26.

The varsity matchup began with Vincent's 6' 7" center Tracy Posey getting charged with a technical foul for dunking during warmup. But the Yellowjackets bounced back to take a 7-point lead into intermission.

In the third period, the 'Dogs outscored Vincent 21-4. The 'Jackets made a good run in the last period but didn't quite have enough sting.

Senior Kacy Henderson led Montevallo with 16 points; Mike Jones followed with 13 points and 9 rebounds. Vincent's Posey and forward Willie Roper each recorded 17 points in the loss.

"We had a great team effort in the third, and I'm pleased we came away with a victory," said Coach Pierson.

In the B Team game, Tony Honeycutt and David Moore each scored 8 points for the 'Dogs' victory.

'Dogs continue to travel in '91

Only a trip to Bibb County tomorrow (Dec. 21) remains for the Bulldogs regular play in 1990.

To kick off the new year, they travel to Hillcrest, Jan. 3 and to Shades Valley Jan. 5. Area foes Jemison (Jan. 8) and B.B. Comer, Jan. 11, finish up area play to determine seeding in the Area Tournament to be held in February.



Averages posted

Points--Averages		
Mike Jones	60	12.0
Kacy Henderson	54	10.8

Rebounds--Averages		
Mike Jones	46	9.2
Shannon Fletcher	34	6.8

Assists--Averages		
Darrick Stallworth	22	4.4
Edward Patrick	12	2.4

Free-Throw Percentages		
Darrick Stallworth	18-29	62.0
Shannon Fletcher	13-23	56.2

Celebration is constant

by Robin Brabham

Although the major purpose of Christmas is to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, the holiday is celebrated differently as each country has specific traditions.

For example, the Polish people fast the entire day and then have a feast at nightfall. Each family keeps a chair vacant at the table in honor of the Holy Child.

Swedish children believe elves help them with their holiday tasks. They thank them by leaving food for them at night.

In Mexico, children go from house to house dressed as Mary and Joseph asking for lodging. Eventually someone will invite them in for a party.

Englishmen dress in the style of their Victorian ancestors and gather to serenade passersby.

Although celebrations vary, the Christmas spirit is prevalent in people around the world as they celebrate the birth of a Saviour.

Yule concert set

The symphonic band and the chorus will present a joint Christmas concert tonight at 7:30.

"I think the band's progress should lead to an excellent performance," said Band Director Jim Weese.

"Since this is a new program, I encourage everyone to come (hear) the chorus," said Director Julia Hixson.

Tracing Rudolph's roots

Tune originates from book

by Chris Alley

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was not originated from the Christmas song that many people are familiar with today. Instead, Rudolph started off as a book written by Robert L. May nearly a decade before the song was ever recorded.

The book was never published commercially, but was commissioned, printed and bound by the Montgomery Ward department store chain and given out to a total of six million holiday shoppers in 1939 and again in 1946.

The work was not even added to the "Books in Print" list until late August of this year. It is now being formally published and should be available in bookstores in time for the holidays.

"Rudolph the ...," the song was written in 1949 by Johnny Marks and offered to Bing Crosby to sing. Mr. Crosby turned down the offer, making it possible for the Western singer, Gene Autry, to sing the first recorded version of the song.



GETTING INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Student Council members (l-r) Amy Morris, Lani George, Lee Wynn, Shelly Glenn and Mike Reid put finishing touches on the school Christmas tree in the front entrance hall. Bit Horton (not shown), wife of SC Advisor Johnye Horton, supervised the decorating. She taught the students to make bows used in the decorations. The nine foot tree was donated by Debbie and Bob Sullivan of Evergreen Christmas Tree Farm.

Principal - (Cont.)

because students can't possibly know the circumstances or background for the need of specific rules and regulations.

Many changes have been made at MHS this year; and I appreciate your understanding, support and cooperation during all the changes. Changes are not always easy to accept. The changes have been made to provide a school environment that is conducive to the best academic achievement for everyone.

I'm proud of each of you and want the best for you. I am available to help you whenever you need me.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

For military

History classes boost morale

by Laura Thomas

United States History Teacher Barbara Henderson is launching a letter writing campaign to build morale and extend Christmas greetings to Montevallo High School graduates in military service.

"When I think of the young men in Saudi Arabia, I feel sad. I want to reach out and bring them all back home. (I encourage everyone to) get the address from the bulletin board and support our troops," said Mrs. Henderson.

The class is working on informative projects regarding Operation Desert Shield, Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Names and addresses of MHS alumni in the military have been placed on a bulletin board in the foyer encouraging all students to write.

Other addresses will be added as they become known.

Study, review added

Exam schedule changes

by Renee Damon

Principal Ken Tatum has released a new first semester exam schedule. The new schedule allows students to have review and study time before exams are administered.

This year's schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Jan. 16 -- Second Period Exam
 7:55- 8:50 Second Period Review and Study Time
 8:54- 9:04 Homeroom
 9:08-11:02 Second Period Exam

Wednesday, Jan. 16 -- Fourth Period Exam
 11:02- 1:02 Fourth Period Lunch, Review and Study
 1:06- 3:00 Fourth Period Exam

Thursday, Jan. 17 -- First Period Exam
 7:55- 8:50 First Period Review and Study Time
 8:54- 9:04 Homeroom
 9:08-11:02 First Period Exam

Thursday, Jan. 17 -- Fifth Period Exam
 11:02- 1:02 Fifth Period Lunch, Review and Study
 1:06- 3:00 Fifth Period Exam

Friday, Jan. 18 -- Third Period Exam
 7:55- 8:50 Third Period Review and Study Time
 8:54- 9:04 Homeroom
 9:08-11:02 Third Period Exam

Friday, Jan. 18 -- Sixth Period Exam
 11:02- 1:02 Sixth Period Lunch, Review and Study
 1:06- 3:00 Sixth Period Exam

El-Mid News

Tingle wins spelling title

by Brooklyn White

Seventh grader Renee Tingle is MMS's Spelling Bee winner. The event was held last Thursday (Dec. 14). Heather Fuller won alternate.

The choral band concert was held December 18 at the middle school. Both groups presented a variety of Christmas selections.

The annual Book Fair was held this week at MMS. It began Monday (Dec. 17) and ends tomorrow (Dec. 21).

Kindergarten students were treated to a trip to the Galleria in Birmingham to see all the Christmas decorations and visit Santa, Dec. 10.

Students in the third grade visited the planetarium yesterday and today (Dec. 19, 20).

Christmas really begins tomorrow when all classes will be having Christmas parties. Both MMS and MES close at 3 p.m. for the holidays.

Campus Notes

Bell signals holiday break

WHEN THE BELL RINGS tomorrow at 3:00, Christmas holidays will begin for all Shelby County Schools.

Since the holidays are starting later than usual, schools will not reopen until Jan. 7, 1991.

JOURNALISM STUDENTS will tour the offices of the Birmingham News and Birmingham Post Herald today. Purpose of the trip is to help students learn about the internal operations of a daily newspaper.

CLASS RINGS arrived on schedule Dec. 14. Juniors met in the auditorium where a ceremony was held for the distribution of the rings.

SENIORS ordered caps and gowns and invitations Thursday, Dec. 13. Thank-you notes, appreciation gifts and announcement covers were also available.

FRESHMAN DANNY DAVIS was top seller with a total of 126 cases, as FFAers raised over \$1500 on their Christmas fruit sale.

"It was a challenge to try to outdo my brother's record from last year," said Davis, whose brother Brandon Elliott was top sales person last year.

MARGO ROGERS of the Art Institute of Atlanta spoke to home ec classes Dec. 12, about careers dealing with home ec skills.

THE SCHOLARS' BOWL TEAM will compete in the Bibb County Tournament, Jan. 19, at Bibb County High School.

At nursing home

FHAers share Christmas joy

by Crystal Minor

Future Homemakers of America members carried the Christmas spirit to the residents of Briarcliff Nursing home yesterday.

"Sharing the gift of time and the spirit of love is the most special part of the program. To me this is the best project the club does all year," said FHA Sponsor Rose Ellen Hankins.

All 45 FHA members drew names and made or collected presents for Briarcliff residents. In addition to presenting gifts, they sang Christmas carols and served refreshments.

"Students who have gone before usually return the following year to visit people they have made friends with. Most of the elderly really look forward to these visits and seeing young folks," said Ms. Hankins.

After past visits Ms. Hankins and her students have received letters of thanks and appreciation from families of residents.

"It is sad to think that the little we do for those people is sometimes all the Christmas they get," said senior Ginger Johnston.

Science club plans outing

by Angelia Blackmon

The science club will take to the ski slopes of Gatlinburg, TN, Jan. 25-27.

"Our main reason for going on the trip is to have fun, although the Explorer program involves youth in challenging activities such as skiing to keep them from being involved in bad things such as drugs," said Club Sponsor Wally Blanton.

Club members will leave Friday morning and arrive in Gatlinburg around lunch. Students will ski Friday afternoon and Saturday and return home Sunday.

Cost is \$150 for lodging, skiing instructions, skis and use of the slope.

Ag complex almost finished

by Ann Shepard

Ag teacher Tony Berry is getting excited as construction on the new agribusiness complex nears completion.

"This is going to be the best shop in the state, maybe in the southeast," said Mr. Berry.

The new building will have two times as much space as the old one, with a classroom set aside for drafting, more room in welding booths and a dust collection system for a safer environment.

"It looks a lot better, and there's a lot more space to work," said senior Shane Elliott.

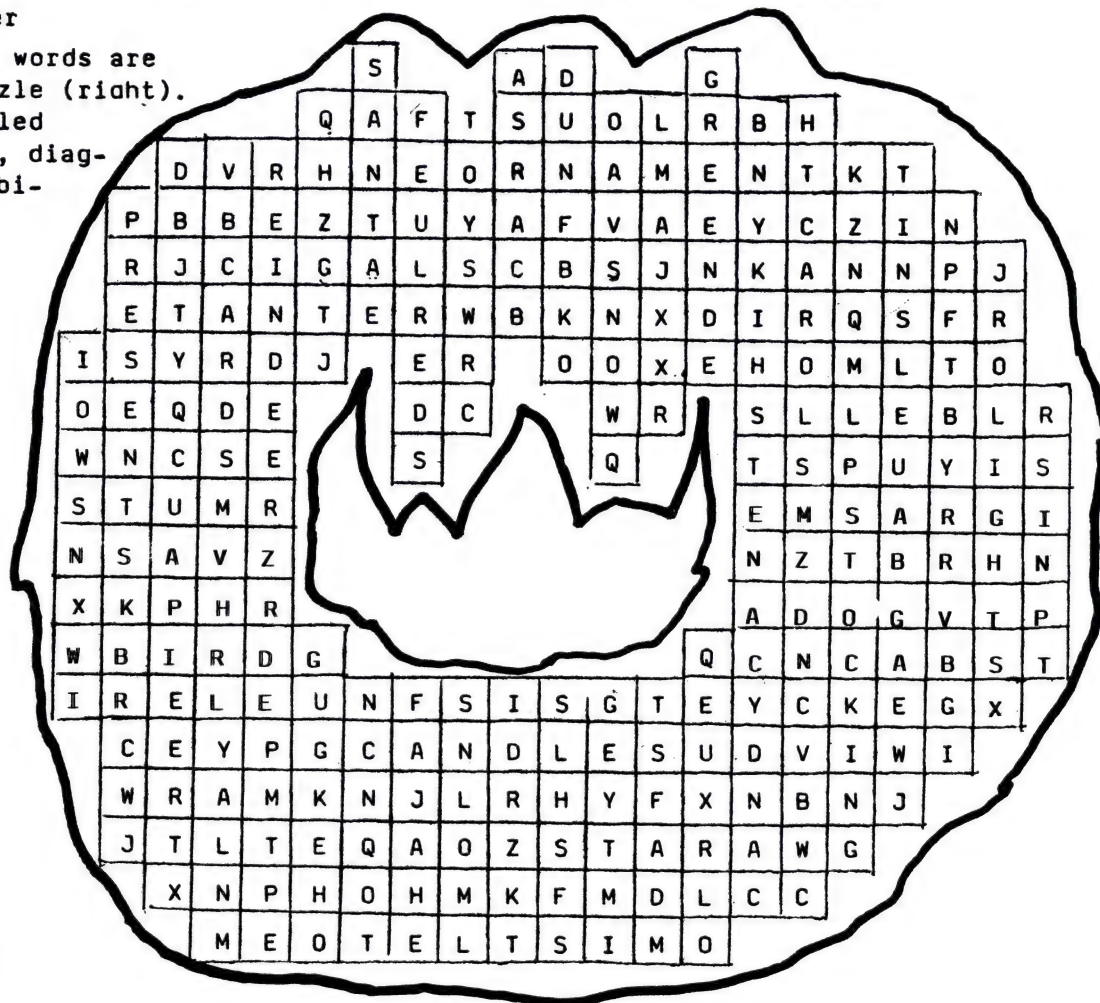
Construction should be finished by second semester.

Word search carries Christmas theme

by Laura Alexander

The following words are hidden in the puzzle (right). Words can be spelled forward, backward, diagonally or any combination of the three:

bells
 bow
 candles
 candy cane
 cards
 carols
 green
 Jesus
 lights
 manger
 mistletoe
 ornament
 presents
 red
 reindeer
 ribbon
 Santa
 sleigh
 snow
 stocking
 tinsel
 toys
 tree
 wreath



Staff previews preferred holiday programs

by Marie Hicks

It's that time of year when television viewers are bombarded with a vast array of Christmas specials. To narrow the list, SPOTLIGHT staff recommends the programming in their annual holiday special preview.

Thurs., Dec. 20, 7 p.m.,
"Meet Me in St. Louis," TNT

Fri., Dec. 21, 8 p.m.,
Dolly Parton: Christmas at Home, WBRC/Channel 6

Sat., Dec. 22, 6 p.m.,
"Mickey's Christmas Carol," Disney Channel

Sat., Dec. 22, 11:30 p.m.,
"Mowtown Merry Christmas," WBRC/Channel 6

Sun., Dec. 23, 12:30 p.m.
"The Bear Who Slept Through Christmas," WDBB/Channel 17

Sun., Dec. 23, 1 p.m.,
"Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," WTOO/Channel 21

Sun., Dec. 23, 3 p.m.,
Marie Osmand's Merry Christmas, WBRC/Channel 6

Mon., Dec. 24, 11 p.m.
"Candlelight Ceremony," Disney Channel

Tues., Dec. 25, 7:50 a.m., The Greatest Story Ever Told, WTBS

Tues., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.,
The Walt Disney World Very Merry Christmas Parade, WBRC/Channel 6

Tues., Dec. 25, 12:30 p.m.
"It's a Wonderful Life," TNT

Tues., Dec. 25, 1 p.m.
"Miracle on 34th Street," USA

Mon., Dec. 31, 10 p.m.,
Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve, WBRC/Channel 6

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NO ROOM TO PASS THIS VEHICLE

Freshman Mike Garner crosses a one-way Valley Street after unloading from Carol Knighten's bus.

For safety reasons

One way begins on Valley

by Robyn Lawley

Implementing the City Council's November 1 resolution, Valley Street, MHS's main access road, officially became one-way Jan. 9, 1991.

"It was done for the safety of the students. Valley Street was not wide enough to permit both pedestrians and vehicles to use the road safely," said City Administrator Don Hughes.

The street is now designed for cars to travel in the left lane and pedestrians to walk in the right lane.

"It would be better organized if car passengers were
(Cont. P. 2)

Top Ten shows

Post year marked by change

by the Editors

Nineteen ninety brought significant changes to Montevallo High School. As the year began, students learned of major renovations planned for the summer.

With facility improvements underway, the school, under a new administrator, saw changes in scheduling, class offerings and the Code of Conduct. Individuals and organizations also brought recognition to Montevallo.

SPOTLIGHT's annual Top Ten news items of the year reveal those stories as follows.

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POPS Teacher

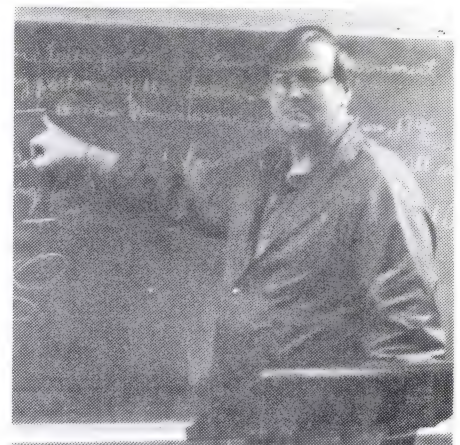
Gilliom lives as role model

by Kandi Hall

Feeling that it was his calling to enter a teaching and coaching career, Richard Gilliam has shown that successful coaches make successful teachers through 30 years in public education. As a result, he is SPOTLIGHT's POPS Teacher of the Month for January.

"I try to create an environment where learning can be accomplished, and I try to emphasize living skills and attitudes along with information," said Mr. Gilliam.

He has not only been a classroom teacher, but he has also coached football (16 years), basketball (14) and
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RICHARD GILLIAM

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Sweeney is top speller

by Marie Hicks

Susan Sweeney, a freshman at Thompson High, won the County Spelling Bee for grades 7-12, Jan. 10, at Thompson. Junior Lee Wynn represented MHS for the second year in a row.

"I can't make any excuses for my performance. I just lost concentration," said Lee.

"I think Lee did a wonderful job representing the school. I was very proud of him," said English Teacher Delilah Robinson, coordinator of the MHS Spelling Bee.

Robinson also sat in as a judge for elementary competition.

Donna Bevan, an 8th grader from Thompson Middle School, was runner up.

Drive nears goal

by Renee Damon

MHSers have collected approximately \$145,000 as of January 21 in the Apples for Students computer drive.

"I can't believe we are finally this close. We are only \$10,000 away from purchasing a MacIntosh computer," said Business Teacher Donna Dixon.

The school will continue to collect red receipts to put toward a laser printer.

One way-- (Cont.)

dropped off on Oak Street. This would allow student drivers and buses to have better access to the parking areas," said Administrative Assistant Carol Knighten. "I hope the flow of cars and buses is safer."

Signs were put up to inform drivers of the change in street orientation.

Former coach, POPS teacher--(Cont.)

baseball (11) during his 19 years at MHS.

As head football coach he guided the Bulldogs to State playoffs six times; and the only year he coached varsity basketball, the 'Dogs were State runner-up.

At the time Coach Gilliam retired from coaching, he had won more football games than any coach in Shelby County with 148 victories. The year he guided the football and basketball teams to State playoffs and won the county championship in baseball, Montevallo Mayor Ralph Sears declared Dec. 22, 1977, Richard S. Gilliam Day.

Ten years and five state playoff teams later, Gilliam decided to give up coaching and teach full time.

"My decision to leave coaching was a combination of things. I wanted to watch my son (who attended another school) play high school sports. Plus, I felt (due to health reasons) my effectiveness was not what it needed to be," said Coach Gilliam.

Since 1988 he has taught American History and health.

"I think his professional commitment to education, his concern about being a good teacher and his consistency in personal character and integrity make him a valuable role model at MHS," said Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley.

Mr. Gilliam began his career at Verbena High teaching biology and coaching football, basketball and baseball five years. He moved to Calera, where he remained seven years. In 1973, after one year of teaching at Montevallo Middle School and serving as assistant coach at MHS, he became MHS's Head Football Coach/Athletic Director.

Three years of teaching full time lead Mr. Gilliam to admit he sometimes misses coaching.

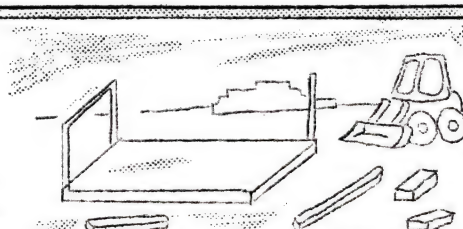
"I enjoy my current position in the classroom, but I definitely feel a void since I'm not coaching," he said. "However, I know my decision was for the best and that's what is important."

It's News Downtown

Work begins on new clinic

Construction on the Montevallo Eye Clinic began Jan. 14. It will be located on the corner of Bloch and Main Streets.

Dr. Michael Anderson and staff expect to move into the new building by early summer.



president for academic affairs at UM, Jan. 1.

McChesney served seven years as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at the University of Central Arkansas

UM recently had its accreditation reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools until the year 2000.

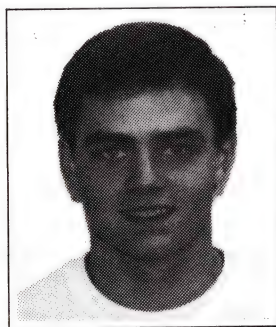
After a year-long national search to fill the position, Robert M. McChesney was named vice

EDITORIALS



Let's take stock

There may be a war raging in the Middle East and continuing revolts in the Soviet Union, but life still goes on in the United States. Drug abuse, environmental devastation, poor education, homelessness and racism did not leave with our troops.



Jason Hughes

While we have plenty of reason to worry about the lives of troops in

Saudi Arabia, we should not forget the lives of people who remain in the U.S. Millions of Americans of people have no place to claim as home, and one in five lives below poverty levels.

Before we assert our self-proclaimed position as international judge and police by condemning the Soviet Union and attacking Iraq, let us first consider our own domestic policies and actions.

Though we should be concerned about Saddam Hussein and we should do everything possible to relinquish Kuwait from his power, we should work to save our fellow countrymen. We cannot let the conflicts around the world blind us to the problems at home.

Evans bids farewell

Dear Friends:

It is with very mixed emotions that I leave Montevallo after eight wonderful years of ministry. I am excited about the potentials and challenges of a new field of service in Dothan, but at the same time it is difficult to say good-bye to so many people that I love so dearly.

I cannot begin to express the joy that has been mine to serve as chaplain of the Bulldogs for the past five years. I am thankful to the administration, faculty, coaching staff and students for the opportunity that you have given me to be a part of the family at MHS. You are special people, and I truly love each of you.

It is my prayer that I have been a positive witness for the Lord in my attitude and actions. Thank you for every smile, handshake and hug.

I love you all,
Bro. Rick Evans

Problem is health risk

While renovation is still underway, county officials need to find a way to stop pigeons from roosting on the front porch of the main building at MHS.

Waste from the birds is toxic, dangerous and unsightly.

We encourage county officials to find a safe way to move the pigeons.

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Puckett wins cube contest

by Melissa Bramer

Students in Wally Blanton's and Richard Colley's physical science classes took part in an ice cube preservation project Jan. 7-11.

"The object of this project was to build a box to insulate an ice cube to keep it from melting. Students attempted to prevent heat transfer by slowing conduction, convection and radiation. Any materials could be used," said Mr. Blanton.

Freshman Tim Pucket earned first place with the longest time ever recorded at MHS--12 hours. Tim received a ribbon for his accomplishment.

At Christmas

Food drive assists needy

by Angelia Blackmon

Needy families in the Montevallo area were given the opportunity for a brighter Christmas after MHSers raised 533.07 lbs. during the Student Council food drive, Dec. 10-21.

"Although we did not reach our goal, we were still able to provide food for many needy families at Christmas time," said Student Council Advisor Johnye Horton.

Each grade was judged on the amount of canned food brought in per person. Eleventh graders earned a coke party by bringing in 166.12 lbs., for the most contributed through the class competition.

Twirlers take part in bowl

by Laura Alexander

Four of the majorettes performed for the last time as high school twirlers when MHS's majorettes took part in the All-American Bowl festivities Dec. 28 in Birmingham when Southern Mississippi played N.C. State.

"I had a ball, but after it was over I was sad. I realized that the All-American Bowl would be the last time I would ever twirl at a game," said senior Crystal Minor.

The squad performed in the halftime show with the Southern Miss Band. Other activities were a get acquainted dance at the Howard Johnson Hotel, a parade, a formal dinner and awards ceremony where participants received certificates and medals.

Squad members are seniors Angelia Blackmon, Rebecca Kelly (co-head), Robyn Lawley (co-head) and Crystal Minor. Juniors are Joy Draper and Heather Sullivan. The group, which stayed at the Courtyard Marriot, was accompanied by Advisor Delilah Robinson.

Guests of newspaper

Spotlighters tour facility

by Ginger Johnston

The Birmingham News gave journalism students a first hand view of the work it takes to produce a daily newspaper, as SPOTLIGHTers toured the newspaper offices in Birmingham, Dec. 20.

"It was very interesting," said senior Kandi Hall. "I didn't realize how much work is involved to get a daily paper printed."

Students visited the departments of business, art, news, advertising, library and printing facilities for The Birmingham News and Birmingham Post Herald.

"I found all parts of the tour interesting, but I especially enjoyed seeing the steps involved in producing color photographs," said SPOTLIGHT editor Robyn Lawley.

Duo make UM honor band

by Rebecca Kelly

Senior Vickie Renfro and sophomore Lisa Womac performed in UM's Honor Band at Palmer Hall Dec. 2. Both students earned All-State recognition last spring.

"I enjoyed playing, and I feel it taught me a lot of new things about music," said Renfro. "Practice was hard, but it paid off in the end."

The duo earned the honor after trying out, Nov. 31.

"It was a good learning experience, and I met a lot of new people," said Womac.

Other Honor Band members from Shelby County included eight students from Pelham High and one from Calera.

'Hog has day

Ground Hog Day, Feb. 2, was brought to America by German and British settlers in the nineteenth century.

If the ground hog comes out of winter hiding and sees his shadow, it means there will be six more weeks of winter. But if he sees no shadow, spring is near.

Movie Review
Galleria--PG

Depps' Edward convincing

by Jason Hutchison

Edward Scissorhands, starring Johnny Depp, is a modern day fairy tale set in a make believe Utopia.

Vincent Price plays the inventor who creates Edward. Unfortunately, before Edward's hands are completed, the inventor dies leaving Edward "not finished." Dianne Weist, an Avon representative, discovers Edward accidentally when she visits his castle trying to make a sale.

Synonia Ryder plays Weist's teenage daughter Kim, who captures Edward's heart. The problems Edward encounters because of his "hands" cause many comic situations.

Director Tim Burton does a wonderful job of showing that people should not judge people from outward appearances. It is the personality inside that counts.

I loved the film and thought Depp gave a convincing performance. I rate the film an A+.

Griffin's Garble

Spend time alone

AS we slowly decay in our world of constant distractions, I often wonder if any of could stand to be alone with ourselves.

In our society there is a constant demand to be amused, so that we can forget ourselves. We are afraid to be alone because we are inwardly dull and frightened of who and what we are. Try being alone, without any distraction, and you will see how quickly you want to forget about the truth of what you are.

We spend most of our time running wild, like mindless idiots, looking for amusement in one form or another. We go to movies or social gatherings, and some of us dislike ourselves so much we seek amusement by making fun of someone else. Then we become worldly and begin looking for ways to escape instead of observing things about ourselves and within ourselves.

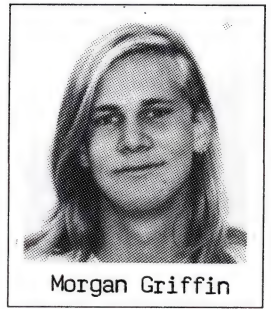
But there is a huge difference between being alone and feeling lonely.

Loneliness is a sense of being utterly cut off, and the mind feels afraid for no apparent reason. Loneliness is the feeling of self emptiness. One feels he could scream and no one would answer.

"Aloneness" is totally different. It is a sense of freedom that only occurs when one has dealt with his loneliness and accepts who he is. He no longer seeks amusement to escape himself.

A mind that is alone no longer relies on seeking pleasure, comfort or gratification.

It is only then that an individual's mind is completely alone with its freedom and creativity.



Morgan Griffin

MHSers support war effort

The majority of MHS students support America's involvement in the war against Iraq, according to a random survey conducted by SPOTLIGHT Jan. 18.

Most females and approximately forty percent of everyone surveyed approve of the war as long as it is quick and casualties are few. Over eighty percent of the males responding strongly support military action.

"By stopping Saddam Hussein now, we are probably saving millions of lives. Had European leaders confronted Hitler at their first opportunity, World War II could have been prevented and millions of lives saved," said instructor Larry Haynes (a history major).

"I am against violence, but I support our troops. Since we have started, we have to finish," said junior Devon Wlodyga.

Despite recent national protests, less than ten percent of the student body is firmly against war.

"I think diplomatic solutions should have been given more time. Violence will not solve the problem," said senior Tiffany Brantley.

Bulldog GrowlsLadies gain
two victories

by Jack Clark

The Lady Bulldogs (6-2) continued on the winning track as they defeated area foe Jemison 48-26 and 3A West Blocton 35-9, Jan. 7 and 10 respectively.

Juniors Lea Gaddis (forward) and Michele Hall (guard) were leading scorers. Junior guard Maggie Carter also showed good leadership according to Coach Jim Vakakes.

"Our girls are playing real hard and taking it real seriously. That's the reason we're 6-2," said Coach Vakakes.

Next games for the ladies will be at Calera Jan. 19 and at home on Feb. 1 with 3A Vincent.

Bulldogs split
holiday games

by Jack Clark

Coach Bobby Pierson's basketball team started the new year by beating 5A Hillcrest of Tuscaloosa 65-60 and losing 85-45 to 6A Shades Valley.

Leading scorers for the games were as follows:

	Hill.SV	Tot
Mike Jones	21 10	31
Shannon Fletcher	10 6	16
D. Stallworth	9 6	15
Ed Patrick	12 2	14
C. Montgomery	2 9	11

The B team dropped both its games, losing 32-37 to Hillcrest and 26-42 to Shades Valley.

A year of highs and lows

by Jack Clark

With this being the first issue of a new year, it seems a good time to look back on the sports' highlights at Montevallo High for the year of 1990.

Best of 1990: The girls basketball team won their area title for a fourth year in a row.

Worst of the year: The football team lost nine games in a row.

Biggest loss: Assistant football coach and girls basketball coach Mike Bramblett leaving to teach at Homewood High.

Most pleasant surprise. Despite losing seven men off the basketball squad last year, Coach Bobby Pierson's team is winning consistently this season.

Best use of talent: Having to go through five coaching changes in as many years, the girls basketball team still managed to win the area title.

Most ironic feat: Sophomore Daniel Horton placed third in the State in pole vaulting at last spring's meet and MHS doesn't even own a pole.

Best hope for 1991: The B football team won most of their games last season.

JV's seeded No.1

Coach Kevin Raybon's JV Bullpups will carry the top seed in the County Tournament, Jan. 28.

The undefeated 'Pups will play Shelby County in the opening round at MHS's gym.



MHS wins one, loses one

by Mark Segers

The Bulldogs closed out 1990 with an 84-58 victory over West Jefferson and a 7 point loss to Hillcrest, 66-59, at the Dora Invitational basketball meet, Dec. 27-28.

"We played well in both games but couldn't capitalize on opportunities to put away Hillcrest," said Head Coach Bobby Pierson.

Defense proved to be a major factor in the opening game as Montevallo held West Jefferson's leading scorer to only 8 points. Sophomore Mike Jones led Montevallo with 24 points and 12 rebounds. West Jefferson's leading scorer was Kiley Davis who had 21 points.

In the semifinal game, a good first-half performance sparked the Patriots to a 7-point lead through 3 quarters to end the 'Dogs' tournament play. Edward Patrick and Mike Jones each had 15 points and 8 assists to pace the Bulldogs. Hillcrest's Marcus Lynch had 22 points.

Vakakes set for spring drills

by Jack Clark

Spring football training will begin Feb. 6.

"We're going to be better this year. A lot of the young players have matured," said Coach Jim Vakakes.

Sixty-four (the most ever in MHS history according to Coach Vakakes) players are recently signed up.

An Orange and Blue game March 2 and a spring game with Calera March 7 will conclude spring training.

"I'm excited and can't wait to get started," said junior Danny Reid.

Chaplain leaves for Dothan

by Mark Segers

After five years as MHS's team chaplain, Enon Baptist Church Pastor Rick Evans will depart for Dothan Jan. 27, to become pastor at Selma Baptist Church.

"Brother Rick was the best thing that ever happened to this (Montevallo) team," said senior Paul Johnson.

As a youth minister for 23 years, Brother Evans acquired many qualities that enabled him to be successful with young people. In 1985, under former Bulldog Coach Richard Gilliam, he became team chaplain at MHS. His volunteer work consisted of team prayer and talks as well as spiritual guidance whenever needed.

"Brother Rick was a very important element of the athletic program while I was director. He will be missed for he had a positive influence on the lives of a lot of young men and women as well as my life. In a sense he was sort of a spiritual hero to me," said Coach Gilliam.

Following Coach Gilliam's leave (1987), Brother Evans continued his duties under present Coach Jim Vakakes.

Brother Evans said the opportunity to work with adolescents and be an influence on their lives was worth contributing his time.

"I will always cherish my time spent at MHS with the students, players and coaches and will miss working with them," said Brother Evans.

Parents honored

by Beth Milstead

MHS will recognize parents of basketball players as the 'Dogs host Calera at Myrick Gym Jan. 29.

"Parents Night is our way of thanking parents for their support and acknowledging the sacrifices they make to permit their sons to play basketball," said Coach Bobby Pierson.

Between the B-team and varsity games, parents will participate in free-throw competition.

Comer takes two; B's win one

by Mark Segers

The Bulldogs suffered consecutive area losses 65-52 and 73-67, Jan. 11 and Jan. 14 to B. B. Comer.

Montevallo clung to a one point lead for three quarters, but a 29-point surge from Comer in the final period sealed a Tiger victory in the first game at UM's gym.

The Bulldogs were led by Shannon Fletcher with 16 points, sophomore Mike Jones and senior Edward Patrick who had 11 and 10 points respectively. Auburn signee Willie Jones, a 6 ft.-7 in., 272 lb. center scored 21 points and 6 ft.-5 in. Damian Jeffries and Jermaine Threath each added 15 points for the winners.

Three days later the 'Dogs five-point first quarter lead turned into a second loss also. The free-throw line proved costly to the 'Dogs who were plagued with 25 fouls.

Patrick led four MHS scorers in double figures with 17 points.

In B-team contests MHS swept both games, winning 50-32 and 43-32. Leading MHS junior Andre Agee had 20 points in the first game; freshman Marcus Lilly, 11 in the second.

UM assists with home games

With help from UM the Bulldogs have been able to salvage home games for the remainder of the year.

"Dean of Education Bill Ernest was able to secure the use of Myrick Gym on nights when UM's teams are not using the facility," said Principal Ken Tatum.

El-Mid News

New rooms ready at MES

by Brooklyn White

Phase I of construction at MES was completed at the end of the first semester. Five classrooms for the 5th grade were occupied Jan. 7.

Phase II, which will include a media center and three additional classrooms, will be finished by the end of the school year.

Renovation of MMS is underway. Two classes have been moved into modular buildings which were formerly at MES.

Jane Clayton and Kristy Goldberg are holding classes in the portable rooms.

Eighth graders will be in competition in February.

The Scholars Bowl team will compete at a tournament Feb. 2, and the math team will be in competition at the "Math Counts" Tournament at UAB Feb. 9.

Pate defends title

by Marie Hicks

Five time showmanship winner Doug Pate will defend his title at the State Market Hog Show in Montgomery next Sunday and Monday (Jan. 27-28).

FFAers accompanying Ag Teacher Tony Berry are Brad Davis, Danny Davis, Brad Goggins, Barney Norris, Doug Pate and Kevin Turner.

"Doug is literally the best showman in the state. I hope we will do well and will be able to keep this title," said Mr. Berry.

FHA chooses delegates

by Crystal Minor

Students in Rose Ellen Hankins' home economics classes elected representatives to assist FHA officers in planning future projects. New delegates selected are Joy Dover, Melinda Edwards, Kandi Hall, Karen Junkins and Leigh Stone.

"The creative ideas coming from people in the office at this point already let me know that we have some real promising projects for second semester," said Mrs. Hankins.

FHA officers for the school year are as follows: President, Ginger Johnston; Vice President, Kerrie Junkins; Historian, Publicity and Public Relations, David Lumpkin; Projects and Special Activities Chairman, Kristie Nixon.

"It's my last year in FHA, and it may be hard work, but I plan to help make this one of the best and most successful FHA clubs ever," said senior Ginger Johnston.

Campus Notes

Fundraiser starts as Spotlight looks to Valentine

SPOTLIGHT's annual Valentine's Day fundraiser begins today. Orders will be taken by staff members.

Balloons will sell for \$2.50; carnations, \$1.50; singing telegrams, \$3.50 and SPOTLIGHT ads, 75¢ each.

The package deal, which includes one of everything, is \$6.00. All orders will be delivered Feb. 14.

Steve Latham's College Prep English class is visiting Birmingham Southern today to watch a production of Shakespeare's Macbeth.

Tom Hester's Government and Barbara Henderson's U.S. History students went to the Montgomery Civic Center Jan. 23.

Students saw a presentation of the Bill of Rights and a slide show which included the making of the historical document.

Delilah Robinson's Spanish II class prepared a Spanish meal Jan. 11.

Students selected their favorite recipe and prepared either a dessert, meat or vegetable dish.

Nation marks slain leader's birth

As war raged in the Middle East, people around the nation observed a day set aside to honor Civil Rights Leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

King was assassinated April 4, 1968, during a visit to Memphis, Tenn., to assist striking city workers.

Students in Shelby County schools held semester break during the day which has now been declared one of the nation's holidays.

Polls reveal year's top fads and trends

Film industry has record year

by Crystal Minor

Rising production costs and a slowing economy did not seem to bother film goers as the movie industry brought in a record 1.3 billion dollars on 1990's top ten releases. Here are the top ten money makers of 1990 (and millions totaled) according to Bob Carlton of The Birmingham News.

1. Ghost--206.1
2. Pretty Woman--178.4
3. Home Alone--152.1
4. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles--133
5. Hunt for Red October--120.7
6. Total Recall--118.3
7. Die Hard II--115.3
8. Dick Tracy--103.7
9. Back to the Future Part III--87.6
10. Presumed Innocent--86.3.

Brooks leads country top 10

Garth's "Unanswered Prayers" was tops in country music for 1990. Below are Wzzk's top ten hits.

1. Unanswered Prayers--Garth Brooks
2. Forever Is as far as I'll Go--Alabama
3. A Few good Things Remain--Kathy Mattea
4. Rumor Has It--Reba MacEntire
5. Love Can Build a Bridge--Judels
6. Things Are Tough All Over--Shelby Lynn
7. These Lips Don't Know--Doug Stone
8. You've Got to Stand--Aaron Tippin
9. Daddy's Come Around--Paul Overstreet
10. Life's Little Up's and Down's--Ricky Van Shelton

Past fashions return in '90

by Laura Thomas

Fashions for 1990 were marked by several new trends. Overalls and short skirts were among clothing that made comebacks. Among the latest fashion in jeans were Guess, Bugle Boy, Levis and Jordache Basics.

Favorite shirts of the year were IOU, Bugle Boy, Polo and Guess. Nike Air, Reebok Pumps, Keds and Dexters were worn by most students as footwear.

Large earrings and hair clips, reminiscent of the early '70's also returned to the scene in the '90's.

Shorts and shirts in fluorescent colors were in style for the summer. Leather jackets and boots were among the hottest fashions in winter wear.

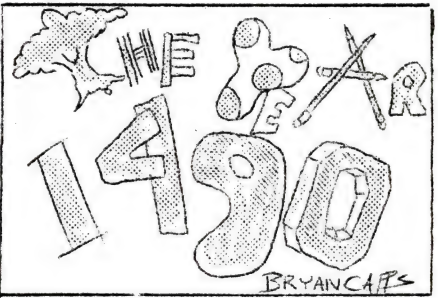
Network 40 lists tops in pops

by Beth Milstead

Female musicians dominated 1990's music chart. Eleven of the 15 artists on the top 10 are women.

The following are the top ten songs of 1990 according to Network 40.

1. Hold On--Wilson Phillips
2. Nothing Compares 2U--Sinead O'Connor
3. Can't Touch This--M. C. Hammer
4. Vision of Love--Mariah Carey
5. It must Have Been Love--Roxette
6. Opposites Attract--Paula Abdul
7. If Wishes Came True--Sweet Sensation
8. Something Happened on the Way to Heaven--Phil Collins
9. Vogue--Madonna
10. I Didn't Have the Heart--James Ingram



Cosby claims first

by Laura Alexander

Nielson's top ten TV programs for 1989-90 according to Alex Harvey of The Birmingham News are as follows:

1. The Cosby Show
2. Cheers
3. Roseanne
4. Different World
5. America's Funniest Home Videos
6. The Golden Girls
7. The Wonder Years
8. Empty Nest
9. 60 Minutes
10. Unsolved Mysteries

Renovation, floods, honors mark 1990 at MHS

(Continued from P. 1)

Tatum takes reins



KEN TATUM

A new principal assumed leadership at MHS as Ken Tatum took the position July 7.

Prior to coming to Montevallo, Mr. Tatum was assistant principal at Pelham High School

for thirteen years.

Former MHS principal Norman Payne resigned to take the position as Director of the Shelby County Alternative School, located at the old Thompson High School Building in Alabaster.



NORMAN PAYNE

Renovation gets underway

Painted classrooms, installation of central air conditioning, new carpet and enclosure of the walkway between the main building and the gym were among renovations that marked the beginning of the 1990-91 session.



BOBBY PIERSON

Gym expansion and a new agricultural business building were also begun in 1990.

AP classes added

The school's curriculum was enriched with the addition of Advanced Placement classes in 12th grade English and biology for the 1990-91 year. Barbara Belisle teaches the English and Richard Colley teaches the biology.

College credit may be granted students who make superior scores on AP exams.

Rules change

County and school policy changes were met with mixed emotions as the 1990-91 school year began. Students were happy with the new dress code which allowed them to wear shorts and jans.

However, a school policy banning gum was unfavorable with most students.

Floods stop school

Over seven inches of rain caused flooding in Shelby County which resulted in the closing of schools, Feb. 16, 1990. This was the first time in the history of Montevallo High School that rain had shut down schools in Shelby County.

Students cited

Jamie Roberts ('90) advanced to finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Program. She went on to Birmingham Southern on the scholarship she received for the honor.



JAMIE ROBERTS



JASON HUGHES

Senior Jason Hughes was named semi-finalist in the fall and will compete for National Merit Scholarships to be awarded finalists in the spring of '91.

Newspaper rates

Eleven journalism students along with their advisor Larry Haynes and four other chaperones traveled to New York, March 19-25, to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's

Convention. They were invited after winning Medalist for the second consecutive year.

Scoring 979 of 1000 points in Columbia's Contest/Critique last summer, SPOTLIGHT qualified for the Golden Crown Award, which is given to only 12 of the nation's high school newspapers.

Athletes sign

Seniors Coty Jones and Damian Hines signed four-year football scholarships in February -- Jones to play for University of Southern Mississippi and Hines for Samford University.

Baseball players Todd Davis and Shane Baugh also were granted scholarships to play for the University of Montevallo.

Retirees honored

In accordance with a state referendum, MHS observed the first annual Retired Teachers Day, Nov. 13. Susie DeMent, Emily Pendleton, Melton Thornton, Joanna McGaughy, Rebecca McGaughy, Junnie Craig, Ann Parker and Frances Smitherman were honored at an after-school tea.

Band excels

For the 20th consecutive year the symphonic band qualified for state competition, March 2, 1990, when they received a superior rating at Shades Valley High School in Birmingham.



JIM WEESE

Band Director Jim Weese, who has instructed the band during those twenty years, was later named MHS's Teacher of the Year for 1990 in the Shelby County Education competition.

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To improve curriculum

Changes proposed

by Jason Hughes

School and county officials are discussing possible schedule and curricular changes for next year, which could mean more classes to attend and more courses to take.

"More periods would allow students more flexibility in scheduling classes and enrolling in electives. It would also give academic teams more time to meet in school," said Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley.

Possible schedule changes for next year include having either seven 45-minute classes per day or an eight-period schedule with four classes alternating every other day.

"I just don't think enough courses are
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LOOKING OVER THE SITUATION

Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley (left) and Principal Ken Tatum review scheduling possibilities for the 1991-92 school year.

Schools faced with reductions

by Beth Milstead

Maintenance technician Ronald Sessions will not be able to perform some routine duties, English teacher Delilah Robinson will not be allowed to use the copier as often and biology teacher Carol Knighten will not be taking as many out-of-town field trips next year. These cutbacks are due to proration.

According to the American College Dictionary, proration is making an arrangement

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MHS'S TOP SCHOLARS

Earning all A averages for first semester are (front) freshmen Jenny Clayton, Baker Lawley and Baye Taff; sophomore Meredith Cobb; (rear) juniors Lani George, Beth Milstead and Mike Reid; and senior Jason Hughes. (See story p. 2)

Bulldogs hoping to play at home

Coach Bobby Pierson still has hopes of having his 1990-91 basketball team play a home game this season.

"We will still play Bibb County (tomorrow) at UM; but if we can advance far enough in sub-state, we'll be able to play on our home court," said Pierson.

Workers were scheduled to finish the gym today.

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Eight achieve all-A honors

by Melissa Bramer

Eight students earned superior grades during the first semester, making the A Honor Roll.

"Hurrah for our scholars! I encourage them to keep on growing," said Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley.

Jason Hughes was the only senior to achieve all A honors. Juniors with all A's were Lani George, Beth Milstead and Mike Reid. Meredith Cobb was the only sophomore to make the top list, while three freshmen, Jenny Clayton, Baker Lawley and Baye Taff, were included among the highest achievers.

The A/B Honor Roll listed 44 students.

Schedule--(Cont.)

"I just don't think that enough courses are being offered with the six period schedule," said Principal Ken Tatum.

New classes could also be in order. Human physiology, speech/drama, AP Economics, AP U.S. History, mass communications, accounting and psychology are among the electives being considered.

Seven periods were last offered for the '85-'86 and '86-'87 school years, after which the Shelby County Board of Education voted that all county schools should have six-period schedules.

The Board will make its final decision on next year's schedules by May.

"It is too premature at this point to say whether there will be a change, but seven periods are very probable," said Evan Major, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

"I just want whatever is best for the students. I think we need to design our school system to meet students' needs," said Superintendent Elect Norma Rogers.

SPOTLIGHTers

to visit U of A

by Rebecca Kelly

SPOTLIGHT staff will join over 500 journalism students from around the state at the Alabama Scholastic Press Association Convention, Feb. 22-23.

The annual event will take place in Ferguson Center at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

"We always look forward to going to the state convention," said Advisor Larry Haynes. "It is valuable to our staff because we attend some informative seminars and meet a number of journalism professionals.

Instructors for the convention include nationally known journalists and high school advisors.

"I am extremely excited because we will learn how our newspaper has done at the state competition," said co-editor Robyn Lawley.

Last year SPOTLIGHT received 3rd in the State in 4A classification.

"I was surprised because most newspapers in our class are professionally printed," said Mr. Haynes.

Math team wins

by Chris Alley

Competing against 10 other schools, the advanced math team placed first at Livingston University in January. Senior Jason Hughes was top scorer overall in the tournament, with a perfect score on the test.

"I think it was super! Anytime you win a whole tournament, you've done a good job," said math team sponsor Doug Morris.

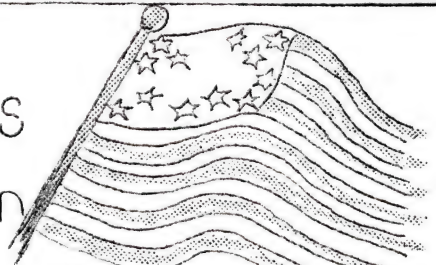
Next competition for the team is the American High School Math Exam at MHS Feb. 26.

It's News Downtown

Council seeks traffic solution

The City Council is discussing plans to request the State Highway Department to put up traffic lights and widen the road at the intersection of Middle Street and Highway 25.

The Council is also asking for permission to show support for troops in Saudi Arabia by flying American flags in town.



UM is getting ready to welcome returning alumni for Homecoming '91. Tickets for the week-long competition between Purple and Gold will be on sale at Palmer Hall, Feb. 13-16, from 6 - 8 p.m.

UM held a black alumni dinner as part of Black History Month Feb. 6.

EDITORIALS



More classes needed

High schools in Shelby County have been on a six-period daily schedule for four years. Prior to that students were able to take seven classes per day. The change in scheduling occurred when students started having excess class time when entering their senior year.



Melissa Bramer

Although the loss of a period cut down on abused study hall and electives, it caused a number of students to attend summer school because they could not fit needed classes into a six-period day.

Students who have been able to complete their classes complain that they don't have enough periods to take electives desired.

The Board of Education should take both aspects into consideration. While some students do abuse their elective and study hall privileges, others take advantage of the opportunities.

When deciding on next year's schedule, the Board should consider whether some students should be denied certain privileges because of the misconduct of others.

Warnings not heeded

(Editor's Note)

According to Principal Ken Tatum, the seniors were informed at the beginning of the school year that Senior Break would continue as long as class members governed their own behavior.

Several times classes have been disrupted because 12th graders have been late returning to 5th period class. Recently some seniors have been causing problems by throwing pine cones at one another during the break.

Since seniors had already been warned, it was necessary to discontinue the privilege.

Decision questioned

The Senior Class as a whole is being punished once again for the wrong doing of a few. Senior break was taken away early last week because of the behavior of a few students. It seems that some were throwing pine cones at others and this is what caused the break to cease.

I think that the few people who were misbehaving in the schoolyard should be punished and not the entire class.

Seniors should also remember, though, that break is a privilege not a necessity.

Cedric Fields ('91)

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Campus NotesColley plans
ACT test skills

by Laura Thomas

The ACT Test Taking Skills will be held March 7, 14, 21 and April 4, 11, from 7-8:30. Students may register with Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley.

National School Guidance Week was observed Feb. 4-8. To recognize Colleen Colley for "caring about her students and faculty," a tribute was read over the intercom and included on the Feb. 8 announcement sheet.

Junior Devon Wlodyga was named to the All-Star Team at the recent Bibb County Scholars' Bowl Tournament. Devon was in the top four in the competition from a field of 60 participants.

Juniors and seniors went to the Galleria 10, Riverchase, to see the movie Hamlet, Feb. 7.

Sophomores visited the Area Vocational School, Jan. 30.

Students in Tom Hester's first period economics class, members of the Scholars' Bowl team and other volunteers participated in the Global Challenge, Feb. 6.

Questions on the national 'multiple-choice' exam tested students' knowledge of current events and geography. A team score (that was unavailable at press time) will be compiled from the top ten scores.

Among English students

Six place at County Fair

by Robyn Lawley

Six students made top three in their respective categories at the Shelby County English Fair, Feb. 5.

Sophomores Stacey Epperson and Theresa Williams tied for second place in Display Projects. Sophomore Bram Fuller was awarded 3rd place in the same category.

"I felt honored to win something on the county level. There were a lot of entries throughout the county, and I felt that we represented MHS well," said sophomore Theresa Williams.

"I'm glad to know that other people recognize our talented students," said AP English Teacher Barbara Belisle. "I'm proud of them and hope that more students will enter next year."

Seniors Jason Hughes and Jason Hutchison placed third in Essay and Poetry, respectively.

"At first I was doubtful about entering the Fair, but because of outside persuasion I was convinced to give it a shot. I guess it paid off," said Jason Hutchison.

Freshman Amy Freeman also placed third in Creative Writing.

Pate earns second at State

by Marie Hicks

Senior Doug Pate placed second in senior showmanship at the State Market Hog Show in Montgomery, Jan. 27 and 28.

"I was really disappointed that I didn't receive the title for the sixth year," said Pate who has earned title of best showman in the state for five years.

"We're real proud of Doug's performance in the livestock judging, but we were disappointed that he didn't make first place," said Agribusiness Teacher Tony Berry.

Montevallo entered 24 of the 300 hogs that were judged. The 24 hogs totaled around 5,500 pounds.

"We had a lot of first-year showmen. They got some good experience in the show ring," said Berry.

The other five MHS participants were freshmen Brad Davis, Danny Davis, sophomore Brad Goggins, junior Barney Norris and senior Kevin Turner.

Black History program planned

by Tiffany Brantley

Montevallo High School will observe Black History Month with a special program Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the auditorium with English Teacher Barbara Belisle directing the activities.

"I am excited about doing this program, and I hope that it becomes an annual event," said Mrs. Belisle who encourages students to volunteer for parts.

Black community leaders will speak and students will do readings by famous African Americans.

Seniors place

Seniors Tonya Brown and Lindet Peoples earned awards at the Medical Assistant Clinical Competition.

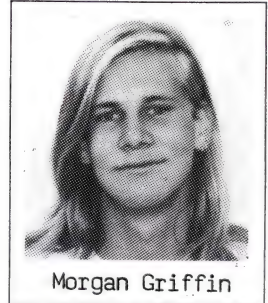
Tonya placed 1st in Opticary and 4th in Outstanding HOSA Student. Lindet won 2nd in Medical Assistant.

Both will take part in State Competition March 15.

Griffin's Garble

Speak your mind

There are times when I look outside of my eyes, see the blank expression on Billy's face, and I wonder what's on his mind. I often wonder if he were given a little space to cry out his opinions, would it shock the many who live life without compassion and continually pollute our ears with nonsensical truths.



Morgan Griffin

Does anyone feel as if he is in Billy's shoes; is there anyone out there who has something to say that needs to be heard?

Then believe in yourself and voice your opinion. Billy has a right to say and be whatever he chooses; all are endowed with a right to life.

What I'm getting at is that we live in a world of bogus feelings, slow decay and no one tends to value another's opinion. These circumstances are foundations of anxiety in Billy's heart that cause him to be silent, waste his aptitudes and be led around simply by a society that could care less if he breathed.

But Billy, and many others like him, has a mind capable of great thought. Chances are though that if he were to speak his version of the big fat truth, it would hit most people hard and they would realize that everyone doesn't see it their way.

To Billy, a brain full of racing ideas will drive one mad. Believe in yourself and speak your mind. If no one bothers to listen, don't worry. It just shows that the world is not right.

Realize that it takes strength to get up close to life. You have to keep yourself in a positive direction, and the more you go, the more you'll get.

Movie Review

Hamlet--Galleria 10

Hamlet: A remarkable film

by Jason Hutchison

Producer Franco Zeffereilli has once again transformed a Shakespearean work into a big screen production.

Hamlet, Zeffereilli's latest project is a remarkable film adaptation. Mel Gibson portrays Hamlet, Prince of Denmark. He is an emotional character who is deeply disturbed by the marriage of his mother (Glenn Close) to his uncle soon after his father's death.

After a visitation from the Spirit of his father, Hamlet discovers that his uncle had murdered his father. The spirit tells Hamlet that he must kill his uncle to avenge his death. Hamlet swears to think of nothing else until this deed is done.

In order to keep his promise to his father, Hamlet is forced to sacrifice his sanity, his loved ones, and finally his life.

Mel Gibson gives a superb performance as Hamlet. He portrays the emotional confusion of the role to perfection. I give the film an A+.

Valentines have Roman origin

by Angelia Blackmon

Valentine's Day is a festival of romance and affection celebrated on Feb. 14. Family members, sweethearts and friends send cards, candy, balloons and flowers to express love to each other.

The occasion can be traced to an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia, which took place every Feb. 15. Lupercalia was celebrated in honor of Juno, the Roman goddess of women and marriage, and Pan, the

god of nature.

Valentine's Day became popular in the United States during the Civil War. Most Valentine cards at that time were elaborately hand painted and sold for as much as \$10.

Today, the event is as popular as ever. Florists call Valentine's Day business second only to Mother's Day. Restaurant owners note that the occasion is one of the busiest evenings of the year.

Varsity and B's win

Bulldogs sweep at Shelby

by Mark Segers

Montevallo extended its win streak against Shelby County to 10 games by defeating the 5A Wildcats 73-62 at UM's Myrick Hall, Feb. 5.

"It was a typical Shelby County team. They always play us tough at the end of the year," said Head Coach Bobby Pierson whose teams have beaten Shelby County since 1989.

With a 31-31 tie at the half, Shelby started the third quarter with a four-point lead, but the Bulldogs rallied for an 8 point advantage. The 'Dogs increased that lead to 11 (73-62) in the final period and held on.

Seventeen points from senior point guard Darrick Stallworth and 16 points and 15 rebounds from sophomore center Mike Jones led Montevallo in the win.

Stan Portis was Shelby's top scorer with 17 points.

In the B-team game Montevallo beat the 'Cats 48-45 in overtime. After starting forward Maurice Campbell injured his ankle on MHS's first possession, the 'Dogs rallied behind 15 points from freshman Marcus Lilly.

Ladies forced to forfeit games

by Jack Clark

The Lady Bulldogs received bad news from Alabama High School Athletic Association. Coach Vakakes' squad was forced to forfeit its 10 wins because an 8th grader was allowed to take part in games.

"We were unaware that our 7th and 8th graders could not play at the varsity level," said Vakakes.

The team is still eligible for the area title but must play at Jemison as the No. 2 seed instead of the No. 1 position as earned in area play.

Since only the two teams are involved in the area, the game (to be played at Jemison) will determine the winner and runner up--both go to sub-state play.

"We are looking forward to playing in the area meet and hope to be the champions," said junior Lea Gaddis.

Tournament begins next week

A berth in the state playoffs is on the line as No. 2 seed Montevallo takes on No. 3 Jemison Feb. 19 at B. B. Comer.

"We are going to have to be ready and cut out turnovers. We have to be prepared to play a slow down game. I've heard that they've (Jemison) done that with a couple of teams lately," said Head Coach Bobby Pierson.

The Jemison-MHS winner will play B. B. Comer for the area title Feb. 21 at Comer.

JV's conclude with one loss

by Jack Clark

The junior varsity ended its basketball season Jan. 29 in the large school finals of the county tournament by losing 45-41 to 6A Thompson at Susie DeMent Gym.

"We ended up 10-1, and I think it was a super year, considering we had only one returning starter," said JV Coach Kevin Raybon.

Freshman Jonathan Burns (all county) led the 'Pups with 26 points and 20 rebounds.

"We played well through the first half, but Thompson just wanted the victory more than we," said Burns.

To reach the finals the JV's knocked off Shelby County 63-35 on the previous night.

MHS's leaders were Burns with 14 points, freshman Keith Collins, 13; and freshman Morgan Lawley, 12.

Donnie Mc Kee named alternate

Sophomore Donnie McKee was selected alternate for the Alabama delegation volleyball team to the 1991 International Summer Special Olympics.

"Donnie would be an asset to any team he plays on because of his dedication, hard work and team spirit," said EMH Teacher Geraldine Waitt.

The games will be held in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, July 19-27.

Athletes from all 50 states and 90 countries will take part.

Five hit double figures

Basketball team routs Calera

by Mark Segers

The Bulldogs ended their three game winless drought as they celebrated Parents' Night, Jan. 29, with a 94-66 win over neighboring rival Calera.

"We came out and quickly isolated them from the game early and were able to just have fun for the remainder of the game," said freshman Carl Montgomery.

Off to a quick start, the 'Dogs scored 25 points to 10 for Calera in the first quarter. They increased that lead to 23 points (49-26) by halftime, with senior Kacy Henderson and sophomore Mike Jones already in double figures. The 'Dogs continued the assault in the third quarter, building a 28-point lead they never saw diminished.

Five Bulldogs ended in double figures: Senior Darrick Stallworth (10), senior Edward Patrick (14); Montgomery and Henderson (14 each) and Jones (19) for the win. Senior Shannon Fletcher grabbed 11 rebounds to lead in that department. Isaac Hall led Calera with 23 points; Brandon Haynes scored 20.

In B-team action Montevallo defeated Calera 57-54. The 'Dogs fought back in the fourth period after an explosive third quarter put the Eagles ahead 42-38.

Maurice Campbell hit 19 points in the win. Joel Smitherman was the Eagles' leading scorer with 15.

Rally falls short; 'Jackets win

by Mark Segers

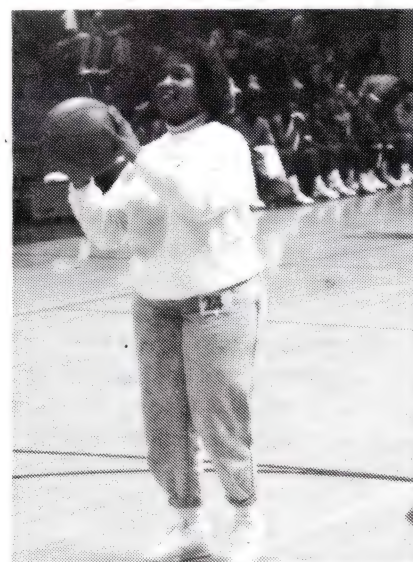
The Vincent Yellowjackets showed they were worthy of their No. 8 Metro ranking by beating the Bulldogs 81-72, Feb. 1 at UM's Myrick Hall.

"We played well in spots, but Vincent is a much improved team since the last time we met," said Head Coach Bobby Pierson, whose 'Dogs had beaten Vincent previously 56-55 at Vincent.

Tracey Posey, the state's second leading scorer and County MVP a second year in a row, combined with Willie Roper for 29 points to give the 'Jackets a 38-25 halftime lead. Continuing to build the lead, the 'Jackets were up by 17 going into the fourth quarter. Vincent held off a point rally by the 'Dogs to seal the victory.

Sophomore Mike Jones (16 points and 10 rebounds) led MHS. Darrick Stallworth added 15 points. Vincent's Posey and Roper scored 35 and 18 points respectively.

Vincent's B team also went away victorious, 46-41. Montevallo took an early lead and was ahead by three after the first quarter, but Clifton Thomas sparked a 16 point second quarter for the 'Jackets who held on to win. Maurice Campbell had 17 points for MHS.



READY, AIM . . . Bulldog Kacy Henderson's mother, Barbara Henderson, prepares to shoot a free throw during Parent's Night.



WHERE'S THE OTHER JUMPER? MHS center Mike Jones gets an easy tip in Calera game; Edward Patrick (21) waits.

Ladies go for title

The Lady Bulldogs will go for their fourth straight area crown when they play Jemison Feb. 22 at Jemison.

Along with the championship, the winner will earn the right to play the sub-state opening round at home.

El-Mid News

MES seeks to raise funds

by Brooklyn White

MES starts its annual Easter Bunny sale Feb. 18. Proceeds will be used for student related supplies.

Parents are invited to the elementary school's annual art show today from 4 to 6 p., to see their child's art work.

ERC classes visited the Space and Rocket Museum in Huntsville, Feb. 12.

The kindergarten took a field trip to Red Mountain Museum, Feb. 12.

The seventh grade Social Studies Fair will be Feb. 22. Judges will award ribbons to the top three entries in each category.

MMS's eighth grade Science Fair will be March 5. Winners will compete in the Shelby County Science Fair.

In order to add more computers to the lab, the middle school is still taking red receipts from Bruno's, Food World and Food Max. Students may turn in receipts to homeroom teachers.

Seventh and eighth grade band students are traveling to the high school for band classes due to construction work which continues at the middle school.

Survey reveals

Students want more classes

by Jason Hughes

A schoolwide survey conducted Feb. 4-6, shows overwhelming agreement among the student body concerning next year's schedule. Over 90% would rather have seven periods per day than six, and more than 80% of those would prefer eight periods to seven or six.

Students and teachers were split over which eight period schedule they liked better--eight short classes every day or four long classes alternating every other day.

"An eight-period schedule with four classes alternating every other day would be best. It would give students a chance to take more courses and have more time in class," said

junior Beth Milstead.

Teachers, on the other hand, preferred the six-period by a slight margin.

"I prefer six periods because it allows me more time with students," said Math Teacher Doug Morris.

"If state regulations allow, I would love to see eight periods a day. Perhaps one period could be devoted to counseling, study and other activities," said History/Health Teacher Richard Gilliam.

Students also expressed interest in new class offerings. Among the most often mentioned were speech/drama, mass communications, another foreign language, accounting and various AP courses.

Schools face cuts --(Cont.)

Governor Guy Hunt declared on Jan. 4, 1991, that the State's education budget is under 3.7 proration (approximately 1 1/2 million dollars) for the 1990-91 school year. This financial cut is due to declining corporate income tax and will be effective on July 1, 1991.

"We feel it's having a devastating impact on the 130 local school systems in Alabama. The reasons are that many school systems rely heavily, and sometimes solely, on state revenue for funding, and they cannot rely on local funding to make up any cuts from the state," said Dean Argo, spokesman for Alabama Superintendent of Education Wayne Teague.


Shelby County has decided to go under 5% proration to insure that funding will be available next school year. At MHS, money will be reduced for copier use, office help, maintenance needs, professional development for teachers and overnight conferences for administration.

"Proration is never good for anyone, but it is necessary. We have already had to cut fifty dollars from each teacher's fee replacement money," said Principal Ken Tatum.


The last time Alabama schools were under proration was in 1986-87. During that school year, the proration cutback was 5%.

VALENTINE MESSAGES

To: 1990 Majorettes
All my love to MHS's
Best Majorettes!
Mrs. Sullivan

To: Emily Sullivan
YOU ARE OUR SUNSHINE!
 Mother & Daddy

To: HALI ERWIN
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
Mother & Daddy

To: Heather
**YOU ARE THE SPOTLIGHT
OF OUR LIVES!**
 Mother & Daddy


To: Paul
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
In case you don't remember
me telling you, **THANKS** for
all the **ROSES**.
YOUR FRIEND

To: Oscar
I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!
 Sally

To: Kevin
Just thought I'd say
THANKS FOR THE SMILES in
the last few weeks.
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love ya. Rachel


To: Marli Erwin
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
Mother & Daddy

To: Everybody
**This year has gone by
too fast!**
BEST FRIENDS FOR LIFE!
"Lawnada"


To: EASY
Happy Valentine's Day
Stay sweet and stay with
me!
 **I LOVE YOU!**
Too Trustful


To: 88-01
REMEMBER EVERYTHING,
including weird dreams and
the **"GASTRUCK"!**
STAY TOGETHER!
Jodi

To: DESPERADO
Don't keep running. I
won't always chase you!
Dana

To: Bus 88-01 Girls
To all of my friends,
Judy too, **THANKS** for all the
FUN TIMES we've had.
YOU'RE ALL SPECIAL
Kristi 

To: David Cummings
I want you to know that
I LOVE YOU and I always will
REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES!
Connie Hamrick


To: THE CREW
Remember the Ridge Par-
tying, Hard Cruising by
County Cops and the DOBA
Driving Itself!
----- SNAKE 

To: Casie
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
These last 8 months have
been wonderful, and hope-
fully there will be 8 after
that, that I know will be
just as good!!
I LOVE YOU! 
Noah

To: Tim Carlee
I'm going to miss you
when you are gone next year.
I won't ever forget you.
I LOVE YOU!
Your Secret Admirer

To: MEMORY
Hey Babe! **HAPPY VALEN-
TINE'S Day.** I Love You!
Double Mint


To: CHEERLEADERS
HAVE A GREAT VALENTINE'S DAY!
I LOVE YOU ALL!
Mollis

To: Kelli Fountain
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to OUR
SPECIAL VALENTINE.** 
WE LOVE YOU!
Mom & Dad


To: Alan Pickett
Hey Baby! What's up?
Well not a lot here! I
just wanted to tell you
that I LOVE YOU very much
and I hope you have a
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
Memory King

To: CHEERLEADERS
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
Thanks for Everything.
LOVE YA LOTS, Paula


To: PAM
THANKS for being such
A GREAT FRIEND! **HAPPY
VALENTINE'S DAY!** Love,
Laura

To: THE CREW
I'm sorry if I've not
been the greatest friend,
but I  y'all.
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
Iron

To: My Favorite (and only) Sister
GOOD LUCK for 3 more
years at MHS. If you ever
need me, just call!
I LUV U!!!
Mike








To: B.
I LOVE YOU very much,
you SWEET LITTLE THING!
 I LOVE YOU!
"Babe-B"

To: DING BAT & TOOT-TOOT
Happy Valentine's Day!
**YOU ARE BOTH VERY SPECIAL
TO ME.**
I LOVE YOU, Kandi

To: The Duke Girls
I will always remember
the great times we had.
Don't forget that
YOU ARE ALL SPECIAL TO ME
Robin B. 

VALENTINE MESSAGES



<p>To: Theresa Morris To MY VERY BEST FRIEND and I hope it stays that way FOREVER. Well, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Melinda Edwards</p>	<p>To: Kandi HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! you're a GREAT FRIEND! Don't forget Bopsie-Twins Lake House. Joy</p>	<p>CLASS OF '91 IT'S BEEN GREAT!!  See Ya! Tiffany</p>
<p>To: Edward Whatever happens in our relationship, I want you to know that I will still LOVE YOU!  Lea</p>	<p>To: Crystal Thanks for you do for me. Remember all our great times! GRINDLE & PIZZA. LOVE, Joy</p>	<p>To: NOAH Hey, Man! Have a VERY SPECIAL VALENTINE'S DAY. I love you with all my heart!  Casie</p>
<p>To: LEE You are the most precious thing in my life. I WILL LOVE YOU ALWAYS! Tracy</p>	<p>To: Heather Fuller I'm glad you're back to school WE MISSED YOU! Beth Czerw</p>	<p>To: KAT To MY SWEETIE! Stay my friend forever! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. Robert Livingston</p>
<p>To: LDH & VNH THANKS for always be- ing there for me. I couldn't have made it without you. LOVE, SMH</p>	<p>To: Beth Czerw HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!! to my SWEET DAUGHTER. Your Mom!</p>	<p>To: ID, KH, CM, RL, RK, JO, AB, HS THANKS FOR EVERYTHING! See you in Panama City--Class of '91. LOVE YA, Leanne</p>
<p>To: JILL THANKS for all the FUN TIMES. You are A VERY SPECIAL FRIEND. Marie </p>	<p>To: Be Be I always promised you that WE'D MAKE IT. REMEMBER THAT I LOVE YOU FOREVER!!! Zu Zu</p>	<p>To: K. R. and J All of you are great friends. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. I love you!  ANGELIA</p>
<p>To: FACE THANKS for all of the GREAT TIMES. I hope we have a lot more. LOVE YA! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY Biz</p>	<p>To: GRINDLE HAPPY V-DAY! I'm hot enough to light your fire, Baby! One day. . I U. PIZZA MAN</p>	<p>To: MAJORETTES This has been a FUN YEAR. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. I love you very much! Angelia</p>
<p>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY to Becky, Amanda, Margaret, Michele, Terrie, Melanie and Tina. ..Melinda Edwards</p>	<p>To: Angela, Crystal, Joy, and Robin Hey, GIRL FRIENDS! I  hope you all get lots of HUGS AND KISSES. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY I ♥ U, Kandi</p>	<p>To: CHAD I know that times have been tough, but I know we can make it. I LOVE YOU. Misty</p>
<p>To: DAFNEY DUCK To My Very Best Friend, I hope it stays that way forever and ever! REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES!!! BUGS BUNNY</p>	<p>To: Michelle Hall Momma said KNOCK YOU OUT 'cause HOMMIE DON'T PLAY THAT! Remember, you just can't handle this. Jason & Sabrina</p>	<p>To: MAJORETTES Always remember the SPECIAL TIMES. You are all so SPECIAL and  WE LOVE YOU, Mr. and Mrs. R</p>
<p>To: Shane Murphey We went together in 6th, 7th, 8th grade. Maybe this year it will last. 91 Freshmen, I LOVE YOU Theresa Morris</p>	<p>Michelle Hall: You better HOLD ON TO YOUR LOVER. So get a grip if you can! P.S.: Did you ever find your shorts? From: Kat, Tia, Jackie, Tricia, Tiff, Stephanie, Connie, Ca- mille, Beth & Sabrina</p>	<p>To: Janet THANKS for being the BEST FRIEND anyone could ask for! Be sweet. B/F/F LOVE, Rachel</p>



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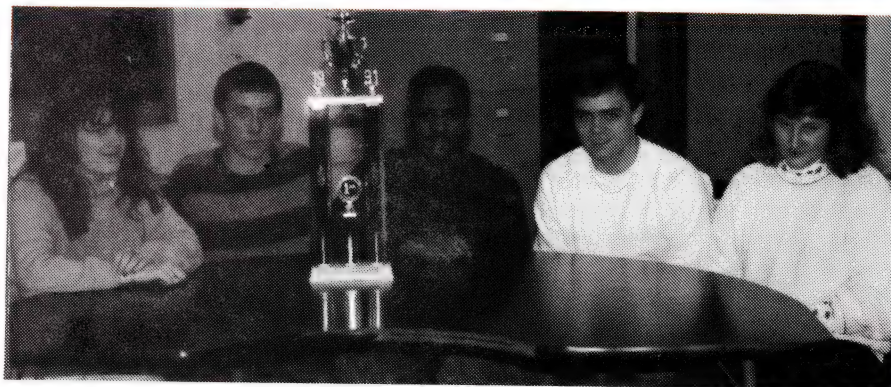
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KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Scholars' Bowl team members display their first place trophy. From left are juniors Beth Milstead, Jack Clark, Lee Wynn; senior Jason Hughes; and junior Lani George. (Not shown, junior Devon Wlodyga.)

Scholars capture district title

by Angelia Blackmon

The Scholars' Bowl team advanced to the State Tournament after earning first place in their division at the Alabama Scholastic Competition Feb. 22 at Shelton State Community College, Tuscaloosa.

"This was a true team effort; I am proud of each team member's contribution," said sponsor Geraldine Waitt, who is assisted by Steve Latham.

The team had no losses in the five matches against Greensboro East, Jemison, Pickens County, Brookwood and Aliceville. They clinched their victory with the championship match against Parrish. State championship will be April 18-20 at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

"We played well, but if we don't cut out some mistakes, we'll get killed at State," said junior Jack Clark.



HERE'S HOW IT'S DONE

Physics teacher Wally Blanton explains science projects to Phillip Reid, Tony Honeycutt, Richard Harkins and Jake Beatty. (See story p. 2)



PERSONAL INSTRUCTION

POPS Teacher of the Month Carol Knighten assists freshman Kelly Pickett in biology class.

POPS teacher gets involved

by Rebecca Kelly

She's the administrative assistant, a biology teacher; she drives a bus and takes courses at UM. A woman of many hats is Carol Knighten. Her efforts reveal why she is POPS Teacher of the Month for March.

Mrs. Knighten came to MHS in 1983 after teaching 12 years at Brewton, Dallas County and Chilton County High Schools.

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Event set

by Robyn Lawley

Band Director Jim Weese will represent MHS in the annual Shelby County Teacher of the Year competition, March 15, at Thompson High School Auditorium.

Shelby County Education employees will provide entertainment with guest speaker Jenny Burleson of Channel 13, Birmingham.

Tickets are available for \$6.00 from MHS teacher Judy Simmons.

POPS -- (Cont.)

"It's fun teaching at Montevallo, and I can't think of anything else I'd rather do," said Ms. Knighten. "I feel as if I found a home here."

"She knows how to entertain and keep her students interested in their work," said sophomore Nathan George.

After 20 years of teaching, Mrs. Knighten desires to go into administration. She is presently completing her final course toward her Education Specialist Degree at the University of Montevallo.

Math teams place

by Laura Alexander

The Algebra I and Geometry teams placed 11th in Division 2 at the Cullman Math Tournament Feb. 23.

"Our performances are getting better every tournament," said freshman Paul Boyd.

Jenny Clayton was the lead cipherer and lead scorer on the written exam.

The 7th grade Algebra I and Geometry teams also competed.

Science pupils plan for fair

by Melissa Bramer

The annual Science Fair is scheduled for March 11.

"If approached in a positive manner, the Science Fair is a learning experience in which students can apply acquired knowledge to solve a problem," says science teacher Wally Blanton. "The best results come from students who do a project in their area of interest."

All science students are required to enter a project in the fair. Categories include Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Health/Medicine and Math/Engineering. Projects should be in the auditorium before first period March 11.

Seminar to assist ACT skills

by Crystal Minor

In order to help students prepare for the ACT, the Academic Boosters Club is sponsoring a Thursday night ACT Workshop during March and April.

"It will not take the place of classroom preparation, but it will be a good overview of the format of the test," said Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley.

The first seminar, held last night, was Overview/Introduction to Enhanced ACT and Test-Taking Skills, led

by Mrs. Colley. Remaining classes are as follows:

- March 14--Reading and Test Motivation (Barbara Belisle)
- March 21--English Usage (Delilah Robinson)
- April 4--Math (Doug Morris)
- April 11--Science Reasoning (Wallace Blanton)

Seminars are meeting in Mrs. Belisle's classroom (106) from 7-8:30 p.m.

The next ACT test dates are April 13 and June 8.

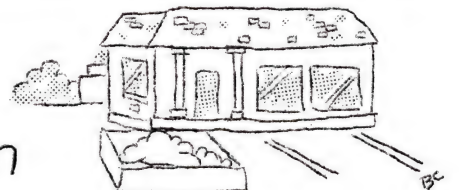
It's News Downtown

Hughes takes county position

After 14 years as City Administrator Don Hughes left Montevallo Feb. 22, to become Shelby County Manager.

The UM Board of Trustees voted for a 7 percent increase in tuition beginning next fall. Undergraduate tuition (in-state) will increase from \$855 to \$915. Out of state students will pay a \$120 increase.

Librarian Mary Frances Tipton received this year's



Distinguished Alumnus Award at UM's Homecoming Luncheon, Feb. 16.

UM climaxed Homecoming as the Golds defeated the Purples for their second victory in a row.

The City Council has put flags on Main and Middle Streets to show support for our troops in the war.

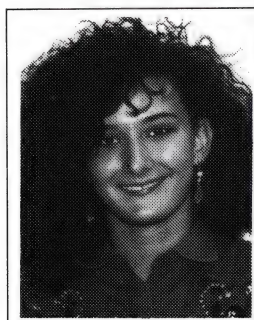
Senator Richard Shelby was in Montevallo for a town meeting, Feb. 15.

EDITORIALS



Examine the inner self

Look at the person beside you. What do you see? Do you see someone that you judge because they are black, white, poor, rich, beautiful or unattractive? Do you judge that person because society shuns him or because you have friends who do?



Robyn Lawley

This problem has plagued our civilization for centuries.

Envy, jealousy and prejudice determine friends and associates. Society rarely looks beyond a person's weaknesses to find his strengths. They ignore what he has to offer and the special person he might be internally.

As human beings we all make mistakes, but hurting one's feelings can sometimes shatter self-confidence and cause one to have difficulty in reaching goals.

My solution is to try to view a person for his inner qualities. Try to understand what he's experiencing instead of spending time verbally abusing him.

We are all unique individuals who want the best for ourselves, but we must remember that to gain respect we first have to respect others.

Consider priorities

Music censorship. These two words alone stir controversy. People have been arrested because they have sold music considered to be pornographic.

But who has the right to set the boundaries between music being socially acceptable or pornographic? Is America really a "free" country when people are not allowed to express themselves candidly.

Warning labels are clearly printed on tapes and compact discs sold in stores, stating that the music may contain explicit lyrics. Some are not allowed to be sold to people under the age of 18.

If a person does not want to hear this music, then he/she does not have to buy it. It is the same concept as alcohol. It is there; but if a person chooses not to drink, they do not have to buy the item.

America needs to straighten out its priorities. Instead of spending taxpayers' money and time trying to take freedoms away, government officials should spend the money to help the homeless and abused.

...Marie Hicks ('91)

Reasons for school pride

Stand tall, students! You've earned it! Few schools the size of MHS can boast the recent state and/or national recognition for a band, math team, Scholars' Bowl, Bryant-Jordan scholar, writers and FFA that you can. Congratulations! (S. DeMent)

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Cheerers plan spring clinic

by Laura Alexander
Cheerleading clinic will be conducted after school in the gym, March 13-22.

Because there are no senior cheerleaders, former MHS cheerleader Valorie Herron ('89) and Jennifer Taylor, cheerleaders from the University of Montevallo, will lead tryouts.

"It will be an interesting experience to learn from the college cheerleaders," said junior Janet Parker.

Students desiring to try out must be in grades 9-11 and meet all specifications set forth in the "Cheerleader Constitution."

The deadline for the \$10 registration is March 6. Final tryouts will be held March 22.

Boosters reward improving GPA's

by Beth Milstead

To reward students showing "significant improvement" in grade averages since the first grading period, the Academic Boosters held an assembly, March 1.

"We decided that academics should involve all students, not just A students, since there are different levels of academics," said Booster President Susan Glenn.

Students whose grade averages had increased two points or more received discount coupons from local businesses. Ten dollar checks were given to MHSers who raised grade averages five to ten points, while those who raised their average ten points or more were awarded \$25.

MHS to host pageant

(An announcement)

The ALL AMERICAN GIRL/BOY PAGEANT will present a preliminary event at Montevallo High School March 16, 1991, for ages 1 month to 25 years.

Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. with the pageant at 12:00 noon. Deadline for entry is March 13. Preliminary winners will receive a crown, trophy, banner and entry fee to the State Pageant.

For more information call Nita Funderburg at 822-1267 or 969-0388.

At ASPA Convention

Newspaper earns State honor

by Beth Milstead

SPOTLIGHT, along with two other Shelby County school newspapers, earned high honors in the Alabama Scholastic Press Association contest/critique during ASPA's spring convention at the University of Alabama, Feb. 22 and 23. Montevallo placed third in the small school division, while Pelham earned All-Alabama recognition and Thompson received honorable mention in the large school division. This was the fifth consecutive year that SPOTLIGHT has placed in the top five newspapers in the state.

"I think this honor reflects the hard work and dedication of our newspaper staff. It's always an honor to be cited among the best," said journalism teacher Larry Haynes.

The annual contest/critique judges student publications in areas including coverage, reporting, writing, editing and overall scope. According to Press Association Director Marie Parson, 430 students attended.

"The sessions were really helpful, especially the ones on the computers," said editor Melissa Bramer.

At Auburn competition

Turner takes second place

by Ann Shepard

Senior Kevin Turner placed 2nd in the Auburn University FFA steer show February 23.

"Kevin had a champion calf last year, and I feel this calf is better. I feel that he'll do well in State and District (competition)," said Ag teacher Tony Berry.

Categories included grooming clinic, beef symposium, judging contest and a swine unit.

Other MHS showmen are juniors Brent Baugh and Jeff Comer and freshman Scott Fochtman.

District competition will be March 18-19 at the Birmingham Fairgrounds. State finals will be at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, March 25-26.

Griffin's Garble

Poetry: A means to find inner self

Lately, as my presence and search for happiness has continued, I have noticed that my most inner-felt responses occur when I read the written verse. I think poetry is perhaps the most beautiful thing one can offer to himself in both mind and spirit. I also feel that when poetry is written, a sudden brush between one's most inner self with all its pure beauty and freedom and consciousness has taken place. If this ethereal moment can be captured

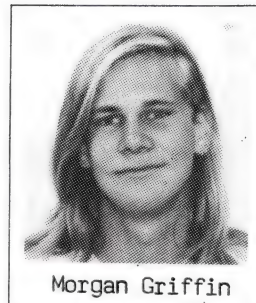
in a few select words, to me, it has to be the most exquisite and divine feeling a person can possess.

As I have read more poetry in the past few months, I have considered scratching down a few lines myself. At first I thought that if it was to be done, it would just happen. I feel, now, that one can ignite a fire inside oneself with a personally suitable atmosphere and a becoming feeling. So I have decided to share a little bit of myself for you to look upon.

One last thing, "Real poetry doesn't say anything, it just ticks off the possibilities, opens the doors; you can walk through any one that suits you." (Jim Morrison, 1943-1991)

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Onto the expiring wax
I dream the world outside.
Watching the illustrious
clowns
Dancing the wanders of
poisoned life
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Peace within--
An empty bottle but to
Portray kings and queens.
Pierce mine eyes!
With an omnipotent sword.
I will behold all.
A statuesque harmonic spirit
In pure energetic freedom.

...Griffin



Morgan Griffin

MOVIE REVIEWThe Silence of the Lambs

Silence gives serious score

by Jason Hughes

The Silence of the Lambs is suspenseful, intriguing and sometimes scary, but by no means a typical horror flick. Jodie Foster stars as Clarice Starling, an FBI agent in-training who, along with her boss, portrayed by Scott Glenn, takes on the case of Buffalo Bill, a serial murderer who has an unusual method of killing his victims, and an even stronger motive.

Foster enlists the aid of Hannibal, "The Cannibal" Lecter, a very intelligent ex-psychiatrist who happens to have a bad habit of eating people. He is played by Anthony Hopkins. Ironically this guy turns out to be one of the heroes of the story.

If you are looking for a couple of hours of excitement and have a taste for the unusual, this movie is perfect. But, if you have a weak stomach, think twice before checking out this one. I give it an A+.

Event tributes Irish saint

by Robin Brabham

St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated on March 17 since Colonial Days. St. Patrick, a patron saint of Ireland, was chiefly responsible for converting the Irish people to Christianity. He became known as The Apostle to the Irish.

According to World Book Encyclopedia many stories about Saint Patrick are based on legend. One of the best known tales reveals that he charmed the snakes of Ireland to the sea to drown. Another says Patrick used the three-leaf shamrock to illustrate the idea of the Trinity. Many believe the shamrock became the traditional symbol of Ireland as a result of the legend.

This holiday is observed in many homes, churches, schools and places of entertainment all over the world. Some cities hold St. Patrick's Day parades in remembrance of the patron saint.

SC seeks donors

The Student Council's annual Blood Drive will be Friday, March 22, from 8:30 to 2:30 in the auditorium.

Student donors must be at least 17 years old and must weigh at least 110 lbs. The goal is 125 units.

Community residents are invited to give.

Rally gives Midfield win

by Mark Segers

A 23-point fourth period lifted the Midfield Patriots over the Bulldogs 72-65 at Midfield, Feb. 12. Senior Edward Patrick scored 18 points as Montevallo's high point man.

Scoring by quarters

Mont.	15	18	21	11	65
Midf.	13	19	17	23	72

Montevallo's B team overcame a 34-27 deficit to beat the Patriots 44-41. William Burns sealed the victory with a field goal and a free throw after the score was tied at 41.

In a rematch with 6A Pelham, Feb. 8, MHS saw the Panthers take control in the second half for a 72-66 win at UM's Myrick Hall.

In a B-team affair, Pelham took an early lead and never let up. Judd Sandstrom paced the Panthers with 14 points in the 57-33 victory. Junior David Moore (8 pts.), sophomore Fred Green (6) and freshmen DeJuan Chappell (6) and Marcus Lilly (6) led MHS.

Panthers capture title game

by Jack Clark

Jemison upset the Lady Bulldogs 47-35 in the Area 7 championship game, Feb. 22, at Jemison.

The Panthers held a 6-point halftime lead and outscored Montevallo 14-7 in the 3rd period to seal the victory. Junior Catina Oliver and Linda Hayes led the Panthers with 12 points apiece.

As runner-up in Area 7, the Bulldog Ladies' hopes for State vanished as Sumter County topped the 'Dogs 54-43 in the first sub-state matchup. Gaddis and Hall paced the MHSers with 22 and 12 points, respectively. Sharon Thompson led Sumter with 27 points.

"The season was great even with the games forfeited due to playing 8th graders," said junior Lea Gaddis.

Bulldogs upset Bibb County

by Mark Segers

After a disappointing 95-59 loss to Bibb County earlier this season, the Bulldogs overcame the odds with a 59-54 upset over the No. 2, Class 5A Choctaws, at UM's Myrick Hall, Feb. 15. The Bulldogs' last victory over Bibb was a 59-47 win, Feb. 6, 1979.

"It was a memorable way to end the regular season," said senior forward Shannon Fletcher.

Montevallo set the pace for the game as the 'Dogs held Bibb to 5 points in the first quarter. The Choctaws rallied and held a 23-20 halftime lead. After an even third period, the Bulldogs relied on clutch free throws by Fletcher, Kacy Henderson, Carl Montgomery and Darrick Stallworth to seal the victory.

Bibb's big guns Jeff Hill and Benjamin Black were held to 11 and 8 points respectively.

In B-team action, 20 points from junior Andra Agee paced MHS's 49-45 victory over the Choctaws.

"We pulled together as a team and played up to our potential," said junior David Moore.

Livingston ousts 'Dogs

MHS places 2nd in area

by Mark Segers

Montevallo easily advanced to the Area 7 finals with an 84-44 victory over Jemison but had to settle for runner-up in the championship game as B.B. Comer swept MHS for the year with an 81-77 win at Comer, Feb. 22.

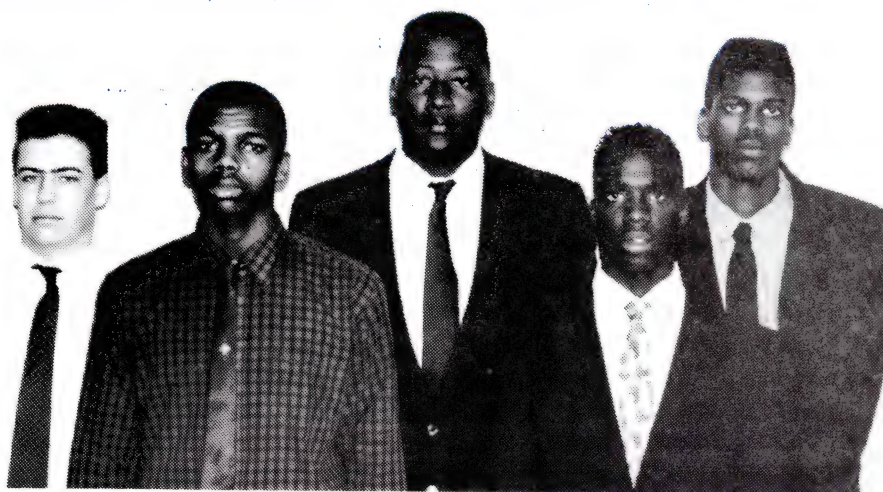
Sophomore Mike Jones had 21 points as Bulldog leader against Jemison; Derrick Stallworth had 14.

Stallworth and Jones also led against Comer with 18 and 16 points, respectively. Auburn bound Willie Jones paced the Tigers with 30 points.

Bulldogs Shannon Fletcher, Kacy Henderson, Mike Jones, Edward Patrick and Darrick Stallworth were named to the All-Area team.

Eighteen points (15 in the third period) from Livingston's Chris Sims sparked the Cougars to a devastating 73-39 rout over MHS in the first round of sub-state play at Livingston, Feb. 27.

MHS's leading scorer this season, Mike Jones, was held to 8 points.



BASKETBALL STANDOUTS

Players who won recognition at tournaments this season are (from left) freshmen Morgan Lawley, Johnathon Burns; sophomore Mike Jones; junior Andra Agee; and senior Shannon Fletcher. (Girls not shown. See below.)

Coaches choose 7 MHS stars

by Mark Segers

The MHS basketball program was well represented when coaches made selection for all-tournament players during the past season as seven MHSers were cited.

From the varsity, sophomore Mike Jones (leading rebounder and scorer) and senior Shannon Fletcher earned All-County and All-Tournament (Dora) honors, respectively.

Juniors Michelle Hall and Lea Gaddis represented the girls on an All-County team, while junior Andra Agee made All-County from the B team. Freshmen Johnathon Burns and Morgan Lawley (JV's) were also named All-County.

Senior Shannon Fletcher caught the coaches' eyes for All-Tournament recognition at the Dora Holiday Invitational averaging 10.5 ppg and 5 rebounds in two games.

Juniors Gaddis and Hall finished the year with 15.9 and 11.9 ppg, respectively.

B teamer Agee ended the season averaging 9.4 per game, while JV's Lawley and Burns rounded out the year with 16 and 8 points per game, respectively.

Stats for varsity's top five

by Mark Segers

With sophomore center Mike Jones as top scorer (14 ppg) and rebounder (270 for the season), here are the top five Bulldog varsity leaders* for 1990-91.

No.	Player	Pts	Reb	Asst	3-pt	Stls	Blks
(20)	Darrick Stallworth	262	97	118*	10	85*	2
(21)	Edward Patrick	286	92	55	17	52	14
(24)	Kacy Henderson	200	96	67	26*	60	7
(32)	Mike Jones	375*	270*	44	3	48	22
(40)	Shannon Fletcher	270	183	32	0	60	35*

Hughes wins dual honors

by Jack Clark

Good news was abundant for senior football player Jason Hughes who was named to the Birmingham News 1990 All-Metro Academic Team and a state finalist for the Bryant-Jordan Scholarship.

"I'm very surprised and honored," said Hughes.

"I think it is a fitting honor to a kid who worked hard all four years of high school, and I know he will be a success in whatever career he chooses," said Head Coach Jim Vakakes.

To be considered for All-Metro a player must have maintained at least a 3.2 grade point average and be recommended by his school. Hughes, senior class president, holds a 4.0 GPA.

The Bryant-Jordan Scholarship is sponsored by the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and the Alabama High School Athletic Association. It recognizes seniors for excellence in academics as well as in athletics.

Baseball is here

by Jack Clark

Spring is in the air and the MHS "boys of summer" take the field March 15 as baseball begins. The varsity (4 p.m.) and B team (6:30) take on the 5A Bibb County Choctaws at UM's Kermit Johnson Field.

On March 16, the varsity has a doubleheader at UM, playing 4A Briarwood at 12 noon and 3A Dallas County at 3 p.m. The B team plays Briarwood at 10 a.m.

El-Mid News

MMSer wins in geography

by Brooklyn White

Eighth grader Deven Cleckler won the Geography Bee. He will qualify for a written test that determines the students who will be eligible to compete at state in April.

Sixth grade Social Studies teacher Eddie Spears is his advisor.

MMS's math teams, along with the high school teams, competed in a math tournament at Cullman, Feb. 23.

The 7th grade received a 3rd place trophy, and Heather Fuller ranked in the top 10 individually.

MMS held its Art Show Feb. 26. Art teacher Katherine Stewart had charge of the exhibit.

The Young Authors' Conference, led by Ms. Sandy Roman, was held March 2.

The elementary school's Easter Bunny Sale is in progress.

Registration set

by Rebecca Kelly

Orientation for the new seven period schedule for the 1991-92 school year is March 13. Scantron computer forms will be distributed March 15 for students to register for courses.

"I hope the students will take advantage of the wider variety of courses offered," said Principal Ken Tatum.

MHSers sweep penman honors

by Jason Hughes

All three students who entered the Alabama Penman literary magazine competition discovered March 4 that they had won first place in their respective divisions in county competition. Freshman Amy Freeman took the short story division with "Alone Again," Morgan Griffin had the best essay, "Are you Listening?"; and senior Jason Hutchison's "Song of Old" won the poetry contest.

"It's a real honor to be first in the county. I'm excited but also very surprised," said Jason.

Entries were judged on content, freshness of expression, form, mechanics and total impact.

"I think it really says something about the caliber of our student writers when MHS wins first in all three categories," said English teacher Steve Latham.

County winners will go on to district competition April 8. Winners from the district go to state competition where they may receive as much as \$200, as well as publication in the Alabama Penman.

Band advances to State

by Melissa Bramer

The symphonic band advanced to state after earning its 21st consecutive superior rating in District Competition at Samford University, March 2.

"This was the first time since I've been in band that we had after school rehearsals. I'm glad that the hard work paid off," said senior Cedric Fields.

Performance songs included "Coat of Arms," "March Slav" and "God of Our Fathers."

"We performed some difficult selections," said Band Director Jim Weese. "Even though we didn't perform to the best of our ability, I was pleased that the band was recommended for state competition."

State competitions will be at the University of North Alabama in late April.

Student teacher joins staff

by Kandi Hall

Steve Latham's English classes will receive lessons from UM student intern Amy Ohnich for the next eight weeks. Miss Ohnich will gradually take over all of Mr. Latham's classes and will be responsible for all classes a total of three weeks.

"I like this school because of the diversity. I enjoy meeting all the different people," said Miss Ohnich.

Miss Ohnich, who wants to begin her teaching career and eventually earn her master's degree, graduated from Mt. Brook High School, Birmingham, and is now in her fifth year at the University of Montevallo.

"So far, I am impressed with her abilities. She relates very well to the students," said Mr. Latham.

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Beth Milstead

Milstead wins speech contest

by Marie Hicks

Junior Beth Milstead advanced to area competition in the Civitan Club's American Oratory Contest after winning the local competition March 11 at UM.

"Everyone's speeches were good. I couldn't believe I won," said Beth who was awarded a \$50 US Savings Bond.

"I was so impressed by our students. They were all winners as far as I'm concerned," said English teacher Larry Haynes, who assisted all entrants.

Participants wrote and presented three-to-five minute speeches on the importance of the freedom of expression. Others competing, along with Beth, were Daniel Bunn (2nd), Mollis Cottingham (3rd), Christi Holsomback and Mike Reid.

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Schools close for Spring Break

by Robyn Lawley

Spring holidays will begin for Shelby County students at 3 p.m. today.

Schools are dismissing for the annual Alabama Education Association Convention which will be in Huntsville. School resumes April 1.

Next holidays scheduled for Shelby County Schools will be the inclement weather days, April 25-26.

If schools are closed due to hazardous weather conditions, April 25 will be used as the first make-up day.



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

First place finishers in the fifth annual Science Fair are freshman Brad Davis (Engineering/Math), junior Lacey Thomas (Physical Science), sophomore Nathan George (Health/Medicine), junior Heather Herron (Biology) and junior Jennifer McKinnon (Chemistry).

In Science Fair

MHSers dominate at County

by Laura Alexander

Freshman Brad Davis, sophomore Nathan George, and juniors Heather Herron, Jennifer McKinnon and Lacey Thomas were first place winners in MHS's fifth annual Science Fair held March 11 and 12.

"I was really surprised. I didn't know if I was going to make it," said Jennifer, who also earned "Best of Fair" as overall winner at the County Science Fair.

"The Science Fair was an overall success; we had many excellent projects in all categories. Of the 18 people we took to the county, 17 placed at some level. This is a great accomplishment," said science teacher Richard Colley,

(Cont. p. 2)

Honors late

by Tiffany Brantley

Due to several incompletes in the first six weeks grading period for the second semester, certificates for A and B Honor Rolls will not be given until after spring holidays.

Honor students will receive their certificates along with the honor roll students of the second six weeks grading period according to Principal Ken Tatum.

Council seeks blood donors

by Rebecca Kelly

The Student Council is working towards a goal of 125 pints in its third annual Blood Drive today from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

"Our Council gets excited about this project, and every year they seem to do a better job," said SC sponsor Johnye Horton.

Each Council member was challenged to recruit four donors, and all juniors and seniors were contacted.

Tryouts set

by Crystal Minor

Fourteen candidates will compete for ten positions at cheerleader tryouts this afternoon at 4:00.

"Tryouts will be very exciting. Competition will be tough because we have some excellent challengers as well as last year's squad competing together," said sponsor Judy Simmons.

Today's tryouts will conclude a two-week clinic led by UM cheerleaders. The gym will be closed to everyone except participants and the out-of-county judges.

Turner wins for second year

by Renee Damon

Kevin Turner placed 1st in Senior Showmanship and was named Grand Champion for the second consecutive year at the Shelby County Steer Show in Columbiana, March 9.

"I was happy and excited when I won Champion, and I hope to do the same at District," said Kevin.

His steer was bought by Food World for \$1.25 per pound for a total of \$1562.50. Proceeds for beef sales will go to the

Shelby County Cattleman's Association.

"We are proud of Kevin for winning both Showmanship and Champion his senior year," said ag teacher Tony Berry. "It's good to go out a winner."

Other FFAers placing were junior Brent Baugh, 3rd in Senior Showmanship and 4th in Class 2. Junior Jeff Comer was 1st in Class One, while freshman Scott Fochtman took 2nd place in Class One.

Projects are winners --(Cont.)

who sponsored the event along with science teachers Wally Blanton and Carol Knighten.

All high school winners participated in the County Fair at Shelby County High School March 14 and the Regional Fair at UAB today. (See p. 8 for pictures.)

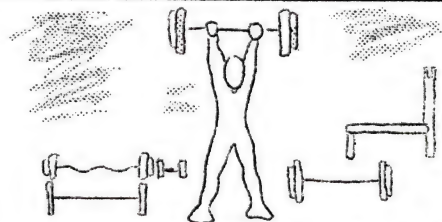
County winners in each category are as follows: (1st place to honorable mention) Physical Science--Lacey Thomas, Amy Freeman, Baye Taff and Bryan Capps. Biology--Heather Herron, Stacey Epperson, Jennifer Nally and Amy Morris. Engineering and Math--Jenny Clayton, Morgan Lawley and Brad Davis. Health and Medicine--Judy Kemp (1st) and Lani George (2nd). Chemistry--Jennifer McKinnon, Joy Glass, Gabrielle Metz and Leanne DeHaven.

It's News Downtown

City gains new business

Body Slicks, a new weight room, opened last week on Main Street. The owner of the business is Chris Crenshaw.

The UM library will be open during Spring Holidays (March 25-29) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6-11 p.m. on March 31 for students who will be doing term papers.



A re-enactment of the Battle at Bibb Furnace will be staged March 23-24 at Brierfield Ironworks Park.

The Civil War battle will begin at 2 p.m. Admission is \$2.00.

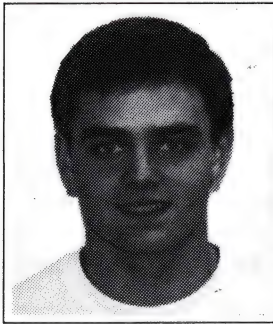
Brown Moulding employees will be shuttled to the high school today to give blood during the Student Council's drive.

EDITORIALS



Patriotism or hoopla?

American flags and yellow ribbons are everywhere these days. But is this outburst of patriotism because we love our country or because we won a war?



Jason Hughes

Our country was founded over 200 years ago on grand principles -- liberty, justice, democracy and equality.

These ideas have evolved over the past two centuries for better and worse.

Today there is probably more freedom and equality, but much of that original spirit and energy has died. Even Democrats and Republicans in Congress compete to see who can wave the biggest flag.

Great reforms will be necessary to restore the United States to its once-great stature. These reforms could include single-term limits on political offices and the conversion of expensive golf courses into shelter for the homeless.

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Show support now!

During the recent conflict in the Persian Gulf some Americans were for the war while others thought our country should not get involved. Now that the war is over, the side one chose to support does not matter. What matters is that America needs to support her troops.

Americans should make the troops feel welcome when they return from the Persian Gulf. We need to let them know that we feel what they were doing was right and that we hold a special place for the troops in our hearts.

During the Vietnam War there was so much anti-war feelings most Americans forgot about the troops who were only doing what they were told. Many Americans took their disappointments in the war out on the troops.

We as Americans need to learn from the mistakes we made during Vietnam and not let our troops return unnoticed.

A job well done

At the recent Shelby County Science Fair, 17 of 18 MHS students placed among the top four in their categories.

These students along with science teachers Wally Blanton, Richard Colley and Carol Knighten are commended for their outstanding work with this event.

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El-Mid News

Tingle wins spelling title

by Brooklyn White

Renee Tingle won the Birmingham Post Herald's Spelling Bee March 1. Sixteen competitors included students from private and public schools in Shelby County. She will compete at the state level April 1.

Marcie Scruggs was MES's representative in the event.

Eighth grade English and Chapter I teacher Jane Clayton was named Shelby County's Teacher of the Year at an annual event March 15.

MMS and MES School and County Science Fair winners will compete today at the Regional Fair at UAB.

Eighth grade students have been working in a Positive Growth and Development Program for the past two weeks. Several guests have spoken to the students about issues they will need in the future.

The 6th grade Parent Coffee will be April 3.

Deven Cleckler will represent MMS in the State Geography Bee April 5 at the Univ. of South Alabama.

MMS peer helpers will participate in the Bike or Hike program for exceptional children. Students can hike 5 miles or bike 10 miles April 6.

The Chocolate Bunnies arrived this week at MES.

March 15 was "Picture Day" at both MES and MMS.

Channel one equipment arrives

by Beth Milstead

Students will now be able to view world events daily via satellite. Workmen finished installing the Channel one equipment this past week. In addition to the Channel One programming, students will be able to use the equipment next year for the mass communications class.

"I am excited about the mass communications program we have in the works at MHS. This class will help our students with speech and writing skills as well as to give them a better understanding of electronic media," said instructor Larry Haynes who will teach the class.

Librarian Freda Williams will be in charge of the Channel One work station. Each classroom will have a 19 inch color television and VCR. According to Principal Ken Tatum the school is looking for ways to buy equipment needed for the mass communications class.

Schools in Shelby County that already have Channel One equipment are Pelham, Shelby County and Thompson High Schools.

Hankins returns to classes

by Tiffany Brantley

After eight weeks of illness, home ec teacher Rose Ellen Hankins has returned to her teaching duties at MHS. While out, Mrs. Hankins suffered from loss of hearing in her left ear for a short time and was stricken with the inability to speak.

"When you're down and times are tough, you find out who your friends really are. I (discovered) that my students and the MHS faculty are the best friends a person could ever want," said Mrs. Hankins.

Campus Notes

English classes to view plays

As part of a unit on American short stories Larry Haynes's and Barbara Belisle's 11th grade English classes will attend the Chamber Theater's productions of five American short stories.

The shows will be at the Alabama Theater in Birmingham, April 1.

The Scholars' Bowl team competed in the Shelby County Tournament yesterday at the 4-H Conference Center in Columbiana.

Results were not known at presstime.

Workers have been installing video equipment and painting in the library. Construction is near completion.

The National Honor Society is sponsoring a Food Drive for Shelby Emergency Assistance. Students will collect food products through April 1.

The greatest needs at the Center are infant formula with iron and soup.

A box has been placed in Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley's office to collect the items.

Event marks day of pranks

by Jason Hughes

April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day is the day everyone has an excuse to make fools of friends and not-so-friendly friends.

The observance is believed to have originated in France after the adoption of a reformed calendar by Charles IX in 1564. France was first to adopt the calendar with January starting the new year.

Until then, the New Year celebration began March 21 and ended April 1. The people who continued to celebrate New Years on April 1 were called April Fools, hence April Fools' Day.

Many versions of this festival have been celebrated throughout history, such as the Hilacia of ancient Rome (March 25) and the Hoti festival of India (ending March 31). The timing of these celebrations could be related to the vernal equinox (March 21) when nature "fools" mankind with sudden weather changes.

MOVIE REVIEW--

"The Doors," Galleria 10

Film resurrects legend

by Beth Milstead

Oliver Stone has once again dived into the era of love and peace. In his latest film, The Doors, Stone explores the mystery behind one of the most famous bands of the 60's. However the story chronicles more the life of Jim Morrison than the Doors themselves.

Val Kilmer is convincing as Morrison, emulating perfectly his looks, voice and mannerisms. Kevin Dillon, Kyle McLachlan and Frank Whaley star as the Doors. Meg Ryan is Jim's trusting young girlfriend Pamela Courson. The two live a life filled with drugs, music and infidelity.

At almost two and a half hours, the movie can drag on at times, but Stone conveys the feeling of the psychedelic 60's in the end. If you loved the music of the Doors, you'll like the film. If not, you may want to wait for the video. I give the movie a B-.

Griffin's Garble

Spring: A joyous time

Once again the astrological magic of the sun, moon and all other heavenly bodies with their mystic travels has delivered our wandering star to the time of year known as spring.

To some, spring is just an occurrence before summer when it rains and the weather begins to warm. To me, spring is a very joyous and spiritual time of the year.

A farmer sees the duties of spring as a vital part of his existence. He is helpless unless the rain moistens the land and the sun delivers its warmth to give his crops new life.

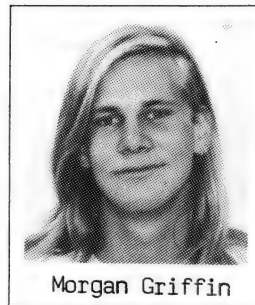
The seed-time also fulfills the task of decorating our mother earth with elegant but fair flowers and

freshens the morning with the scent of new born grass wet with dew.

To lovers, spring is a time for renewing affection and rekindling the flames of their desires.

This and much more is but a small portion of nature's magic. But as I drifted in my thought and explored my enchantment of spring, I realized that to experience the full impact of this season of birth and creation one must encounter and feel the spirits in nature and the energy they possess.

Try walking alone to part of a secluded field or forest. Look upon its undisturbed beauty and pureness; lose yourself to fascination and pause a moment. Stretch out your arms and close your eyes; feel the untainted power in the air. Sense and receive the breath of nature as it dances through you and refreshes your soul.



Morgan Griffin

Clinic to be held

by Crystal Minor

Majorette clinic will begin April 7. Graduating senior majorettes Angelia Blackmon, Rebecca Kelly, Robyn Lawley and Crystal Minor will instruct.

"I hope a lot of girls try out; it will be a very special experience to each of them," said Robyn, outgoing co-head.

Participants must have an overall average of at least 70.

ALARMS INSTALLED

As renovation nears completion, new smoke alarms have been placed in classrooms and closets at MHS.

Workers should finish next week.

In baseball

'Dogs get off to 1-2 start

by Jack Clark

Montevallo went 1 for 3 last weekend as the 'Dogs defeated Briarwood (4-3) and lost to 5A Bibb County (12-5) and 3A Dallas County (9-6).

The Bulldogs scored 3 runs in the bottom of the sixth to beat Briarwood. Winning pitcher Dinky Gaddis gave up 6 hits, struck out 3 and issued 2 walks.

Scoring by inning

MHS	0	0	1	0	0	3	x	4
BHS	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3

Bibb County scored 2 runs in the top of the 7th to force the game into extra innings and added 7 runs in the top of the 9th to win 12-5. Darrick Stallworth was losing pitcher.

Leftfielder Morgan Lawley led the 'Dogs at the plate with 2-3 (one double).

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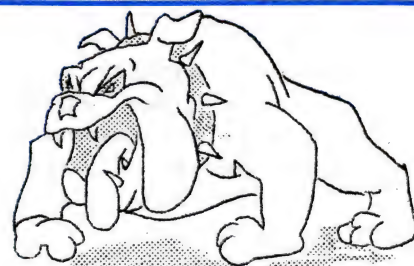
MHS	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
BCHS	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	12

Dallas County had 8 hits to propel the Hornets by MHS 9-6. Relief pitcher Mitt Ware got the win as he led the Hornets at the plate hitting 3 for 3.

Stallworth led the 'Dogs' hitting with a 3-run single. Lawley went 2 for 4.

Scoring by inning

MHS	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	6
DCHS	0	0	0	2	0	2	5	9

Bulldog GrowlsTee time
for golfers

by Mark Segers

With spring arriving golf season will be beginning, and Coach Tony Berry eyes a year of teeing off against other schools, but with a lack of interest from students there may not be a team this year.

"We just go out there to have fun--win or lose," said Mr. Berry.

The puzzling question is why a school with over 430 students has less than ten people trying out.

Golf is not as demanding as football or basketball, and it is also one of the more relaxing sports today. There is no defense so the rewards depend upon the amount of one's individual effort. The seasons and practices are not very long so much time is not sacrificed.

Did the controversy at Shoal Creek last summer turn students away from golf? Riches and racism played an active role in the protests, but people should not give the sport a bad name by relating the two to each other.

Nevertheless, it is a sport for anyone who seeks a relaxing form of active enjoyment; and as students of MHS we should take advantage of this activity.

Track duties
go to Pierson

by Beth Milstead

The track team will open their 1991 season April 10. Coach Bobby Pierson, replacing Coach Wally Blanton, will take the students to the county meet in Briarwood.

"Coach Blanton has taken several students to state meets. It will be hard to fill his shoes," said Coach Pierson.

Fifteen students in grades 10-12 began practice March 11. Because of a new state ruling, 9th grade students are not allowed to compete on the varsity level.

Football team wins spring game

by Jack Clark

In spring training football the Bulldogs defeated 2A Calera Eagles 27-6 March 7 at Ricky Cairns Stadium.

Senior tailback Andra Agee led the 'Dogs with touchdown runs of 6 and 8 yards. Senior fullback Noah Miller had the longest touchdown from scrimmage with a run of 31 yards. Junior tight end Mike Jones rounded out MHS's scoring with a 15-yd. pass reception from senior quarterback Lance Gibson.

"Offensively the line blocked well and the running backs ran hard," said Head Coach Jim Vakakes. "Defensively we played real well."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lady 'Dogs
earn praise

by Mark Segers

Juniors Maggie Carter, Lea Gaddis and Michelle Hall earned Honorable Mention on the Birmingham Post Herald All-Metro Girls Basketball Team for their talent this past season.

All three starters will return next year.

Construction on the gym (begun last July) was completed with the installation of bleachers in February.

Renovation almost doubled seating capacity. More money will be brought in next year; and, most importantly, the Bulldogs can play at home, according to Athletic Director Jim Vakakes.

"The workers did a good job," said Coach Vakakes. "We now have one of the nicest gyms in the county."

Here is the roster for the varsity baseball team under Coach Johnye Horton.

1 Rodney Craig	ss/2nd
2 Jason Boyd	3rd
3 Danny Reid	of
4 Shane Stoudenmire	of
5 Lance Gibson	ss
6 Darrick Stallworth	p/of
7 Andy Polk	c
8 Doug Pate	lb
9 Edward Patrick	p/of
11 Dinky Gaddis	p/of
12 Jonathon Scarborough	c
14 Morgan Lawley	p/of
15 Brent Baugh	p/2nd
16 Noah Miller	p/of

Coach Bobby Pierson says that spring training basketball begins May 13.

'Dogs power to two victories

by Mark Segers

The baseball team recorded two victories March 18 and 19 with an 11-4 road win at Maplesville and a 10-5 victory over Vincent at UM's Kermit Johnson Field.

At Maplesville Andy Polk (1 rbi), Doug Pate (2 rbi's) and Jonathan Scarborough (2 rbi's) greeted Chad Harrison (losing pitcher) with singles to produce 4 runs in the first inning. Edward Patrick hit a homerun and had 4 rbi's with two plate appearances, besides pitching three perfect innings as starting pitcher.

Freshman Morgan Lawley, the team's leading hitter (.643), had two doubles.

Junior Noah Miller, in relief for MHS, gave up 5 hits, struck out 2 and walked one.

With MHS leading Vincent 5-3 in the sixth inning, Bulldog starter Darrick Stallworth gave up a game-tying single to Jerome Banks who knocked in two runs. But a 5-run rally in the bottom of the inning quieted the Jacket threat. Lawley (triple), Patrick, Pate, Brent Baugh and Lance Gibson (double) all hit safely to produce 5 more runs for the 10-5 victory. Stallworth threw the full 7 innings, giving up 7 hits while walking none.

Team to play during break

by Mark Segers

The baseball teams will be in action over Spring Holidays with three road games and one home game.

Here is the holiday schedule.

March 26	Bibb County (Varsity 1 p.m.; B team 3 p.m.) There
27	Vincent (Varsity 11 a.m.; B team 1 p.m.) There
28	Shelby Co. (B team 5 p.m.; Varsity 7 p.m.) There
April 1	Calera (B team 4 p.m.; Varsity 6 p.m.) UM

B team begins play with wins

by Mark Segers

Coach Kevin Raybon's B team started the season defeating Bibb County 4-2, losing 10-3 to Vincent and edging Vincent 11-10.

Junior Jack Clark had a triple and two rbi's as he led the 'Dogs against Bibb County. Freshman Tyrice Staffney allowed only 3 hits as winning pitcher.

Seven Briarwood runs in the third inning ruined the 'Dogs as they fell 10-7 to the Lions. Daniel Stobert was losing pitcher.

Vincent tied the score at 10 in the fourth inning, but Stobert, in relief for Staffney, quieted the visitors in the fifth. Then Stobert doubled in the bottom of the inning and scored the winning run.

Judges praise projects in fifth Science Fair

Winning projects from the fifth annual Science Fair were chosen from over two hundred entries. According to the judges, participants exhibited "creativity and imagination in their ideas."



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS DISPLAY PROJECTS AND PRIZES

1. **PHYSICAL SCIENCE WINNER--** Junior Lacey Thomas stands with her first place project.
2. **TOPS IN BIOLOGY--** Sophomores Stacey Epperson (2nd) and Jennifer Nally (3rd) show their awards. Heather Herron, 1st place winner not shown.)
3. **HIGH SCORERS IN CHEMISTRY --** Junior Jennifer McKinnon and sophomore Joy Glass are 1st and 2nd, respectively.
4. **STANDOUTS IN MEDICINE AND HEALTH--** Top four project winners in this category in order are sophomores Nathan George, Judy Kemp, juniors Lani George and Andy Roberts.
5. **FUTURE ENGINEERS DISPLAY CERTIFICATES--** Winners in the Engineering and Math Division are freshmen Brad Davis (1st); Morgan Lawley (2nd), Jenny Clayton (3rd) and Chris Woods (honorable mention).
6. **PHYSICAL SCIENCE ACHIEVERS--** Earning highest honors in the Physical Science category (in order of appearance) are junior Lacey Thomas and freshmen Baye Taff, Bryan Capps and Amy Freeman.
7. **BEST IN THE COUNTY--** Junior Jennifer McKinnon's chemistry project earned "Best Overall" at the Shelby County Fair. Last year Jennifer was "Best" in Biology.

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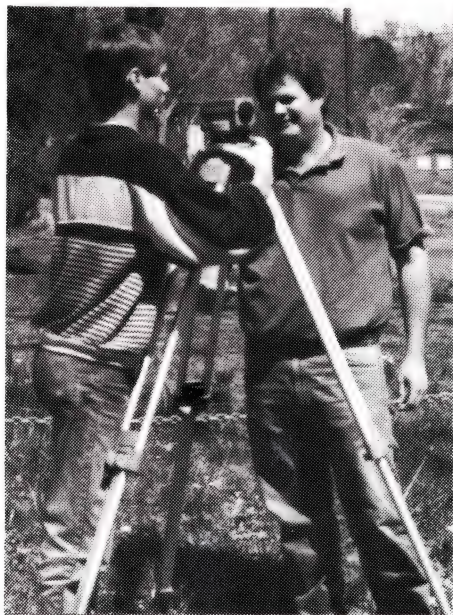
Band aims for state contest

by Rebecca Kelly

The symphonic band will attend state competition at the University of North Alabama, Florence, April 18. The band was selected for state competition after receiving its 21st straight overall Superior rating at District in February.

"Our sight reading has improved since District, and I am encouraged by that. We are making slow but steady progress," said Band Director Jim Weese.

Music scheduled to be played includes "Symphonic Legend," "God of Our Fathers," and "Die Wacht am Rhein, Marsch."



IS THIS OKAY?

POPS Teacher of the Month Tony Berry assists junior Jason Boyd with surveying. (See Story P. 5)



GETTING READY FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION

Seniors Tonya Brown (left) and Lindet Peoples practice their health occupational skills on junior Mickey Darden.

For HOE competition

Peoples, Brown D.C. bound

by Angelia Blackmon

After placing in state competition, Health and Occupational Education seniors Tonya Brown and Lindet Peoples will go to Washington, DC, for national competition June 26-29.

Tonya ranked 1st in Opticianary at State. Along with other students she was judged on assisting the optometrist in the prescription process for a patient, reacting lenses and making patterns for glasses.

"I really enjoy my job because you actually get to help people daily, and it does give you a very good feeling knowing that you've done something to better a person's life," said Tonya.

Lindet placed 4th as clinical medical assistant.

Both students plan to pursue careers in the medical field after graduating.

"I plan to attend college; I haven't decided on a definite one. I (hope to) one day become an optician or optometrist," said Tonya.

"I'm hoping to enter UAB and work towards becoming a surgeon," said Lindet.

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For Business Projects

Seventeen place in 'Fair'

by Beth Milstead

MHS held its local Business Education Fair, April 2-4. For the third year, Montevallo business and keyboarding students constructed projects related to the business field.

"I am very proud of the work my students did on their displays, and we should have some good representation at the County Fair," said business teacher Donna Dickson.

Business fairs are held in all seven Shelby County high schools and at the Area Vocational School. The fair is held to give students another angle on business education.

Seventeen students who placed are as follows: Posters --1st, Jennifer McKinnon; 2nd, Lani George; 3rd, Beth Milstead; honorable mention, Amy Benson, Lenetra McCord; Individual Displays--1st, David Lumpkin; 2nd, Ketwana Valentine; 3rd Laura Alexander; honorable mention, Kim Niven; Group Displays--1st, Jill Bridges, Marie Hicks; 2nd, Camille Campbell, Connie Farrington; 3rd, Keith English, Ed Davies; honorable mention--Teri Whitfield, Memory King.

Judging at the county level will be May 1 with the awards ceremony May 2 at Columbiana.

Juniors plan Prom Night

by Robyn Lawley

The Junior-Senior Prom will be May 3 at Highland Racquet Club on Highland Avenue in Birmingham. The theme will be "A Night in Heaven" featuring PROCAT as disk jockey.

"Plans are being made for the best prom ever," said junior sponsor Donna Dickson.

"I am excited about the prom, and I am looking forward to decorating and making this the best prom ever," said junior class officer Lacey Thomas.

Students who did not take part in fundraising activities are required to purchase a \$20 ticket. The tickets may be bought from Principal Ken Tatum.

Scholars going to state meet

by Laura Alexander

The Scholars' Bowl team will compete in the Alabama Scholastic Challenge at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, April 18-20.

"We will be competing against the top teams in the state," said sponsor Geraldine Waitt.

"If we play to the best of our ability, we can beat anybody there," said senior Jason Hughes.

Teams entered in the tournament are winners from the regional fair held in February. The tournament will be televised on Alabama Public Television during the summer.

Area businesses contributed \$610 to finance the two-day stay for the Montevallo students.

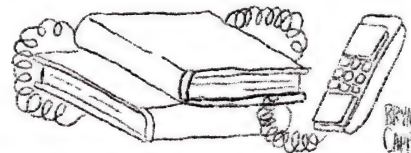
It's News Downtown

Chamber works on phone books

The Chamber of Commerce is working on a new Montevallo area phone book. It should be ready "soon," according to Don Stonicher of Lucky's.

Steve Gibbs is Montevallo's new City Administrator. He replaces Don Hughes who is now Manager for Shelby County.

The annual Blue Grass Festival will be May 4-5 at Brierfield Ironworks Park. Admission is \$8 for Friday or Saturday night; \$3 for Saturday. An advance ticket for a weekend pass is \$14. Passes bought at the gate are \$16.



Rob Spivery, UM basketball coach for the past six years, will succeed Dr. Leon Davis as Athletic Director. Dr. Davis is retiring this summer after 22 years at UM.

In addition to his promotion, Spivery has also been named to the NAIA Division I National Championship Committee.

University Video has moved from the old Sonic location to a larger and more convenient store near the center of town on Main Street.

The new store is located between JeRoe's Deli and Jim's Maytag.

EDITORIALS



No time to waste



Melissa Bramer

With only eight weeks until graduation, many students feel that classwork is no longer necessary. To these students, the final weeks of high school are for rest and recuperation from past school years.

Some seniors who plan to attend college think there is no need to keep up grade point

averages because they have already been accepted. Graduating seniors who plan to get jobs feel that they can relax since class rank has already been decided.

However, these students are under the misconception that the fifth and sixth six weeks will not affect their GPA and class rankings.

To clear up any misunderstandings, these grades are recorded on permanent records and will be viewed by colleges and employers in later years.

Seniors should keep in mind that only eight weeks separate them from graduation. It is understandable that these students are excited about graduation, but they should not let their excitement interfere with the learning process.

Bring back fall exams

Since the 1986-87 school year schedule was changed, students in Shelby County have gone through the long holiday break only to return to exams on material covered during the fall.

When making out the schedule for the 1991-92 school year, county Administrators should consider creating a calendar which would end the first semester before Christmas holidays. All colleges follow this system which allows students to complete exams before the break.

This way, students can relax and enjoy the vacation without having to study for exams. Changing the current schedule would be helpful to students because they would not have to worry about forgetting what they learned before Christmas.

A new schedule would benefit the teachers in that it would give them more time to prepare for the upcoming semester.

We encourage county administrators to explore the possibility of having exams before Christmas.

Support helps reach goal

Without efforts of students, parents, teachers and conscientious community leaders, MHS would have never achieved its goal in the Apple for Students Program.

Because of everyone's support, MHS collected enough receipts to reach the goal.

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Campus Notes

Blood drive nets 114 units

by Robin Brabham

The American Red Cross collected 114 pints of blood from the Student Council's Blood Drive last month. According to SC advisor Johnye Horton, 158 people attempted to give this year.

Barbara Belisle's and Larry Haynes's English 11 classes traveled to the Alabama Theatre to watch the Chamber Theatre Group perform five classic American Short Stories, April 1.

English students in grades 11 and 12 will attend the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's production of "Inherit the Wind" in Montgomery, April 18.

Freshmen are preparing to take the Basic Competency Test, April 15-17.

"I hope students can use the test information to help them overcome deficiencies and prepare for the graduation exam," said Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley. Test results will be back in September.

Majorettes hold clinic

by Ginger Johnston

Tryouts for the 1991-92 majorette squad will be April 19. Eight candidates are taking part in clinic led by senior majorettes.

The eight candidates are Jenny Clayton, Joy Draper, Christie Fletcher, Cynthia Goldsmith, Courtney Harrell, Heather Herron, Heather Sullivan and Casie Williams.

"All the girls are doing a great job," said graduating senior majorette Rebecca Kelly.

Judges from outside the Shelby County school system will select the top candidates from the clinic routine, individual routine, marching, salute and appearance.

"I think everyone will do great," said junior Heather Herron. "There are some really good people trying out."

A special tryout will determine head majorette.

Yearbook to arrive next month

by Marie Hicks

The MONTALA (1990-91 yearbook) will be shipped to MHS the first week of May.

"I think this will be the best yearbook we've had in a long time. We've worked really hard to make it better," said advisor Bill Hunt.

The staff has worked to improve the yearbook by cutting out as many mistakes as possible and by adding more pages.

The staff will attend a workshop at the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) July 15, 16 and 17 so next year's staff can see the annual-making process.

Milstead makes District finals

by Melissa Bramer

Junior Beth Milstead will compete in District competition April 20 at the Parliament House Hotel in Birmingham.

Beth advanced to District after winning local and area competitions in the Civitan Club's American Oratory Contest.

"The other participants' speeches were all so convincing and energetic I got nervous just listening to them," said Beth.

Beth will be judged along with four other contestants. She will be required to recite her original speech on the importance of the freedom of expression.

"I heard Beth read her speech at the area competition," said junior Christi Holsomback. "It was really good, so I have no doubts that she will do well in District."

PTO sponsors penny fundraiser

by Ann Shepard

The PTO wants to match last year's net of \$1,000 in its second annual Pennies for PTO, according to secretary Vicki Tolbert.

Montevallo's local chapter has set up penny collection jars in the lunchroom and in selected stores downtown.

"I am asking everyone to support by dropping their change into the jars," said Mrs. Tolbert.

Montevallo's elementary, middle and high schools will divide the money raised to buy supplies to fill special needs.

The drive ends May 24.

Griffin's Garble

Avoid living to other's expectations

As I halted in front of my mirror and stared into my reflection, I observed a thousand pieces of turmoil and complexity chiseled--by all that I've been told--into a gray-blue puzzle known as my eyes. While rambling through this, it became clear to me that I have no idea where I am beginning to go, and perhaps the hardest decisions one is forced to consider is where one's best interests are and what to do with them.

I am sure some men have life all planned out, and I am also sure some lives are decided by parents, peers and public television. But before you go rushing into our world of slow de-

cay this morning, let my gavel pound upon a wooden star and allow me to bestow you with a bit of garble advice.

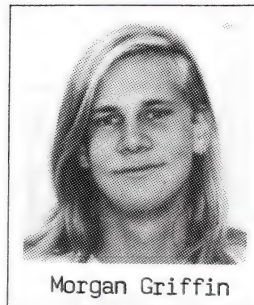
First, your parents and peers may not always have your best interests at heart. Please do not make your survival by living up to someone else's expectations and understand that bandwagon jumping is easy when you feel a dream is dead.

Some of your elders need to realize this. Today is not thirty years ago, and one's existence must not be so physically unbearable by hard labor. For all suspicious parents, just because we

lie in bed and stare at the ceiling, it doesn't mean we're on drugs.

Parents and children alike need to discover that we are somewhat intelligent and are mentally capable of almost anything. We must also learn to determine what we want to do with our own lives--whatever-- and not worry about how it appears in the eyes of others.

When you get a little depressed and hard times are blocking your way, just remember sometimes all you can do is just to maintain--just to maintain.



Morgan Griffin

Berry takes pride in program

by Jason Hughes

Agribusiness teacher Tony Berry prides himself on having probably the best facilities and one of the best agribusiness departments in the state.

"He is one of the sharpest teachers I have ever met. He does a good job reaching students no one else can," said Administrative Assistant Carol Knighten.

His respect from students and colleagues has earned the 12-year teaching veteran POPS Teacher of the Month for April.

"I enjoy teaching students skills that can be used in real life situations," said Mr. Berry.

First and foremost an agribusiness teacher, Mr. Berry teaches everything from bookkeeping and gardening to welding and small-engine repair.

"Most everything we do on a daily basis from the food we eat to the clothes we wear is related to agriculture," said Mr. Berry.

He also serves as Montevallo's athletic trainer and golf coach. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his wife and two "kids," a daughter in 5th grade and a son in 7th grade at MES and MMS, respectively. He also enjoys playing the guitar and working with animals.

Mr. Berry attended Notasulga High school in Notasulga, AL. He received his bachelors and masters degrees in agribusiness education from Auburn University. He then got his first and only teaching job at MHS.

Theater Review

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Hill's Phantom comical farce

by Melissa Bramer

Ken Hill's adaptation of Phantom of the Opera, performed April 2-3 at the BJCC Concert Hall, was a comical version of Gaston Leroux's novel.

Eileen McNamara starred as Christine Daaé, a beautiful young girl trying to make a name in opera.

Steve Blanchard portrays the Phantom, a deformed masked villain who will do anything for Christine.

The remake was a farce which offset the horror usually associated with Phantom of the Opera.

However, for persons who truly appreciate the original, this play is a disgrace, done in poor taste.

In holiday games

Baseball team goes .500

by Mark Segers

The baseball team, 2-2 over Spring Break, recorded victories over Pelham (6-5) and Vincent (6-4) and losses to Briarwood (4-5) and Bibb County (0-6) March 21-27.

"I feel we are improving as a team; and if we can correct some mental mistakes, I feel we can compete with anyone," said senior pitcher Darrick Stallworth.

Against Pelham, the Bulldogs scored four early runs to go ahead in the first inning. With two more runs in the fourth and fifth innings off mistakes, the 'Dogs cruised to a 6-5 win.

Montevallo was in control of the Briarwood game for six innings, but with 2 seventh-inning runs the Lions took the victory. Morgan Lawley powered MHS with a home run and three rbi's.

Bibb County held the 'Dogs to 3 hits enroute to a 6-0 shutout. Senior Edward Patrick and juniors Danny Reid and Noah Miller each had one hit in the loss.

The Bulldogs had to come from behind (4-2) in the seventh inning to secure their 6-4 victory over Vincent. Patrick, leader at the plate, knocked in runs No. 4 and 5; Morgan Lawley, also with two hits, scored the final run.

Busy schedule faces 'Dogs

by Mark Segers

Upcoming games for Coach Johnye Horton's baseball team includes three area contests.

Here's the schedule.

Apr. 12	BB Comer	Here	Apr. 18	Jemison	Here
15	Thompson	Here		(Make-up Apr. 10)	
16	BB Comer	There	19	Dallas Co.	There

B team misses in close games

by Mark Segers

Despite good hitting and teamwork, the B team went 0-2-1 over the holidays in baseball, tying Pelham and suffering consecutive losses to Briarwood and Bibb County.

First baseman Jack Clark hit 1 for 2 with an rbi as the 'Dogs settled for a 3-3 tie with Pelham.

"A few bad plays have resulted in our losing some games; but if we work harder, I feel we can grow into a good ball club," said B team coach Kevin Raybon.

Mike Reid hit 2 for 3 and MHS scored 6 runs, but the MHSers still fell to Briarwood 7-6.

Bibb County broke a 4-4 tie in the last inning to defeat the 'Dogs 5-4.

Volleyball tryouts set

by Jack Clark

Volleyball coach Dot Bishop will look for "a few dedicated players" when she holds tryouts, April 15-26.

The team is coming off a year in which they won the area title. According to Coach Bishop, tryouts should be competitive with all girls returning from last year's team.

Tryouts will consist of working on basic skills in volleyball.

Students interested in the sport may go out for the team. In order to participate a student must have at least a "C" Average.

Bulldogs split

by Mark Segers

Montevallo split a pair of baseball games on the recent road trip, defeating the 2A Calera Eagles and losing to 5A Homewood.

Senior Edward Patrick's 3-run homerun in the 4th inning led the 'Dogs to a 10-4 victory over Calera.

Pitcher Noah Miller gave up 5 hits and 4 walks as the junior got the win.

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Senior Doug Pate and freshman Morgan Lawley had 2 hits apiece, but that was not enough as No. 9 ranked Homewood defeated the Bulldogs 2-1, April 6.

Patrick was tagged with the loss.

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In Volleyball

McKee makes Olympics

by Marie Hicks

Sophomore Donnie McKee has been chosen as one of 16 delegates from Alabama to participate in the International Special Olympics in Minneapolis, MN, in July. These games will be the largest sporting event in the United States this year according to Alabama Special Olympics, Inc.

"I can't wait to meet all the celebrities that will be there. I am most looking forward to competing," said Donnie who is manager for the B-team baseball squad. Donnie also plays french horn for the marching and symphonic bands.

Donnie will compete on the Alabama volleyball team coached by Thompson High's Debbie Seales.

"This experience will be one that Donnie will never forget. Not only will he meet with athletes from the United States, but with athletes from the whole world," said LD teacher Geraldine Waitt.



READY TO GO

Sophomore Donnie McKee practices his serve in preparation for the International Special Olympics.



LADIES BASKETBALL STANDOUTS

Girls basketball coach Jim Vakakes (right) stands with three members of his team who were given honorable mention by Birmingham Post Herald. From left are juniors Maggie Carter, Lea Gaddis and Michelle Hall. In addition, Gaddis earned second team all-state as selected by The Birmingham News. Gaddis and Carter have played the past four years at MHS; Hall is a first year transfer from Thompson. The trio will return next year and should provide good leadership according to Coach Vakakes who led the ladies to Area runner-up this season.

Patrick shines
as Bulldogs zap
Jemison Panthers

by Mark Segers

Senior Edward Patrick pitched a two-hit shut-out as the Bulldogs began Area play with a 12-0 victory at Jemison, April 2.

The 'Dogs opened with 2 runs in the first as Darrick Stallworth led off with a double. Two Panther errors allowed Morgan Lawley to score also.

Back to back singles by Lawley, Patrick and Doug Pate gave MHS three more runs in the second.

A 7-run third inning finished off the Panthers.

Montevallo was led by Patrick (2 for 4, 2 rbi's), Pate (1 for 2, 4 rbi's), and Polk (1 for 2, 2 rbi's).

Craig Bolling was losing pitcher.

El-Mid News

MMSers go to State Contest

by Brooklyn White

After winning at the County Science Fair, Sara Daum and Brooklyn White advanced to regional competition at UAB March 22-23.

Both qualified at UAB for state judging being held at Decatur today. Sara took 3rd place with her project in Physical Science, "How to Win at Pooh Sticks." Brooklyn won 2nd place in the Engineering category with her study, "How Acid Rain Affects the Environment."

MMS students took part in the Alabama Basic Testing Program Monday and Tuesday (April 8-9).

The Basic Algebra and Algebra I teams competed in the Shelby County Math Tournament April 9-11 at the University of Montevallo and MHS.

Math teacher Jean Page will sponsor the students at the competition.

The 8th grade Parent Coffee will be April 24.

Both MMS and MES will observe Weather Days holidays April 25-26.

The MES Easter candy sale was "very successful," according to bookkeeper Bonnie Alexander.

Kindergarten registration for next year was held Wednesday (April 10) at the elementary school.

Geography Fair planned

by Renee Damon

Montevallo students in Tom Hester's World History classes, Jim Vakakes' and Barbara Henderson's World Geography classes will participate in the second annual Geography Fair May 9-10.

"In this International Fair, we will share ideas about other countries and display art work and music," said Mrs. Henderson. "We also have foods that are native to the countries and they can be tasted by the visitors."

Participants must research a country, display their findings on a display board and bring in a dish to be sampled. Projects will be set up in the auditorium. They are to be brought in on May 9 and shown to visitors on May 10.

"I am requiring both my World Studies classes to participate," said Mr. Hester. "I feel that it will be a rewarding experience for the students for them to learn about the culture of other countries."

In Apple Drive

High school achieves goal

by Kandi Hall

MHS reached its goal as the Apple for Students Drive ended with the school earning an Apple Macintosh computer and a laser printer.

"Three days before the April 6 deadline we were over \$100,000 away from getting the laser printer," said journalism teacher Larry Haynes. "But our students came through to put us over the goal."

Although it took more than five months (Sept. 9-April 15) to collect the \$155,000 in Food World/Food Max red receipts for the printer in the six weeks.

"The students have done a super job bringing in the red receipts. We will mail in our final totals today (April 12) and should get our equipment by the end of school," said business teacher Donna Dickson.

MES also contributed toward the printer.

Judges choose cheerers

by Tiffany Brantley

Sophomores Meredith Cobb and Stacie Siener and juniors Mollis Cottingham, Janet Parker, Paula Stano, Marli Erwin, Rachel McKinney, Jennifer McKinnon and Lacey Thomas were named 1991-92 cheerleaders March 22.

"All the girls did an excellent job, and it was a difficult decision for the judges. I'm looking forward to working with the squad, and we're already making plans for next year," said advisor Judy Simmons.

Candidates were judged on cheers, jumps, stunts, dance, spirit and overall appearance. Judges were out-of-town people.

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Library goes hi-tech

by Ann Shepard

Students will now have easier access to library resources with the arrival of a new microfiche reader printer to the MHS library.

Each high school received \$2,000 from the state to spend on technology. Total cost for the microfiche reader printer is \$2,700, which includes forty subscriptions to periodicals on microfiche.

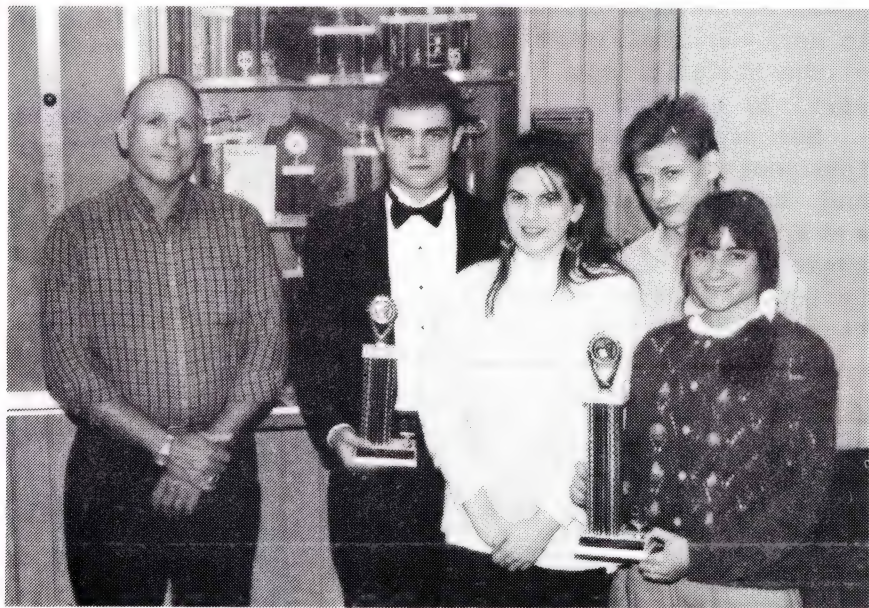
"I think it will save class time, not only for students doing papers, but for me when I need sources for assignments," said English teacher Barbara Belisle.

The microfiche periodicals will be installed in May.



RESEARCH MADE EASY!

Librarian Freda Williams demonstrates the new microfiche reader printer to senior Richard Harkins. Students may now do research in the school library and not rely as heavily on the University of Montevallo.



MAKE ROOM FOR TWO MORE

With two math trophy cases already filled by MHSers, teacher Doug Morris (left) may have to build a new one after his advanced team earned first place in the Shelby County Tournament for the second year in a row. Standing with Mr. Morris are senior Jason Hughes (1st place individual) and juniors Beth Milstead, Devon Wlodzga and Gabrielle Metz.

Mild winter allows 2 off days

by Ann Shepard

The countdown begins to graduation as Shelby County students get out for a four-day weekend when school dismisses this afternoon.

Schools will be closed Thursday and Friday for the inclement weather make-up days that did not have to be used during the school year.

This will be the last holiday of the school year, with only thirty days remaining till graduation

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Math teams place at tourney

by Tiffany Brantley

For the second consecutive year MHS stood out among the math teams of Shelby County. The advanced and Algebra II math teams placed first and third, respectively in the Shelby County Math tournament, April 9.

"I'm always pleased that our students do well, and I'm particularly pleased with our Algebra II team," said Coach Doug Morris.

Both teams took a 40-question multiple choice test and participated in ciphering matches. Along with the team wins, senior Jason Hughes placed first in individual competition in advanced math.

Members of the advanced math team are seniors Carson Burtch, Shannon Fletcher and Jason Hughes and juniors Gabrielle Metz, Beth Milstead and Devon Wlodyga. Algebra II math teams members are juniors Chris Alley, Jack Clark, Cynthia Goldsmith, Christi Holsomback, Mike Reid, Todd Tyron and Lee Wynn and sophomores Bill Davies, Amy Fochtman, Nathan George and Robin Huff.

The Algebra I and Geometry teams also competed in the meet.

Peer group wants safety

by Beth Milstead

Peer helpers will sponsor Prom Time Sober, April 29-May 3. The group is planning activities to discourage "drinking and driving" on prom night.

"We're having Prom Time Sober Week because we don't want to lose friends or loved ones to drinking and driving accidents," said peer helper Paul Johnson.

Activities for the week include a picnic, the wearing of arm bands and an assembly with state probation officer Don Wilson.

Peer helpers will park a wrecked car in front of the school displaying a banner saying, "If you drink and drive, this could be you."

"I think it's one of the most useful things we will do this year," said Administrative Assistant Carol Knighten.

White takes honors

El-Mid SPOTLIGHT correspondent Brooklyn White advanced through district to earn honorable mention at the State Science Fair April 12 at Decatur.

She also received TVA's Environmental Quality Staff and National Fertilizer and Environmental Research Awards along with the US Geological Survey Award--Water Resource Division.

It's News Downtown

UM to stage biblical musical

The UM Lyric Theatre will perform Godspell beginning tomorrow and continuing through April 27. This musical is based on the Gospel of St. Matthew.

More than 30 Alabama legislators were recognized as Citizenship Fellows at UM's Honors Day,

Wednesday, April 24, 1991

El-Mid News

MES plans anti-drug rally

by Brooklyn White

Former drug transporter Donnie Rogers will speak to 5th graders April 29. His topic is "Just Say No."

MES will distribute report cards to parents April 29.

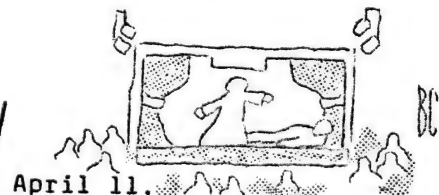
MES's annual play day is today. Students will participate in outdoor activities during the day.

Kindergartners took a trip to Birmingham's Jimmy Morgan Zoo April 22.

The University of Alabama has invited 4th and 5th grade future problem solving teams to participate in the State Meet, May 4. Two of the 20 teams in the state were selected from MES.

The annual volleyball game with faculty vs students and the track and field day at MMS will be May 10.

Seventh graders will visit the Jimmy Morgan Zoo, Friday, May 3.



State Highway Department crews are currently widening Highway 25 between Montevallo and Calera.

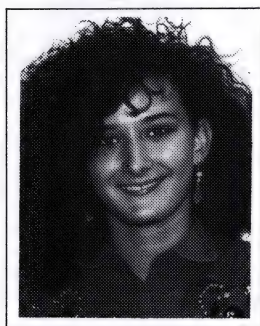
Highway officials ultimately plan to make the street a four lane.

Construction will be completed in the summer.

EDITORIALS



Seek the right goal



Robyn Lawley

As graduation nears, seniors tend to get nervous when faced with planning for the future.

Thoughts may include the following: "What am I going to do? or "Where am I going?" Only the senior and no one else can answer those questions.

Possible senior goals include college selections, immediate employment or a vocational education.

Unfortunately, the main priority in most twelfth graders' plans is the desire to accumulate excessive wealth.

Money and wealth are widespread goals, but there are more reasonable and beneficial objectives.

Young adults should keep in mind that to achieve their dreams, they must submit all efforts and energy into getting a job or career that allows them to gain the most satisfaction.

Seniors need to remember that happiness, not wealth, is the most valuable possession in life.

Keep prom sober

The time that most juniors and seniors have been waiting for is just around the corner--Prom Night. Statistics show that this event ranks second in significance only to one's wedding day. Unfortunately, prom season brings an increase in drinking and driving accidents among teenagers.

We encourage promgoers to consider the importance of human life and avoid driving under the influence of alcohol. A majority of traffic fatalities are alcohol related--many of the dead are innocent victims of a drunken driver.

Tougher laws have helped to discourage drinkers from getting into automobiles, but the best measure is to refrain from using alcoholic beverages altogether.

Assembly praised

We would like to thank Barbara Belisle and her students for a successful Black History Day. The assembly gave us the freedom to express ourselves and our heritage --things of which we are very proud. Everything was well rehearsed and performed.

All those attending gained insights from the information shared during the observance. Thank you!

Michael McClain ('91); Lee Wynn ('92)
(This was received too late for publication in the last issue.)

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Rules change in basketball

by Mark Segers

There will be a number of changes in high school basketball next season as the rules committee of the National Federation of State High School Associations tries to eliminate unsportsmanlike conduct and speed up the game.

The rule-making body announced that technical fouls will be counted along with personal fouls toward disqualifying players from games. And, instead of the current three, players will be thrown out of the game after only two technical fouls.

The number of team fouls needed to reach the bonus situation in each half will increase from five to seven.

Other changes relate to fouls committed against a player attempting a 3-point field goal. From now on, three free throws will be awarded to a player who is fouled during an unsuccessful 3-point try. And if the foul is intentional, the

fouled player will receive three free throws and the team will get the ball out of bounds at the spot of the infraction.

"I like the old rules better. If a team is behind in the last quarter and has to start fouling, this new rule would mess up a lot of coaches' game plans," said B team basketball coach Tom Hester.

Other rules approved were the elimination of the "lack of action" rule, which allows officials to order a defense out of the zone or otherwise get more action started, requiring a doctor's authorization before a player whom game officials determine is unconscious can return to the game and allowing school colors (instead of the traditional gray) on backboard padding.

"I'm used to the original officiating, but I feel everyone will adjust to the changes," said senior Darrick Stallworth.

Hughes wins B-J scholarship

by Mark Segers

Senior football lineman Jason Hughes earned a \$500 scholarship for his academics and athletic accomplishments as Class 4A, Region 4 winner in the Bryant-Jordan Scholarship-Athlete Program.

"I felt honored to be selected. Some of the other winners' accomplishments were amazing," he said.

Hughes currently holds a 4.0 grade average.

Brooks High School's Russell Eric Springer was named Class 4A winner at the Award's Banquet at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center, April 15. Springer, a four-sport letterman has maintained a 4.0 GPA.

Former Alabama quarterback Scott Hunter was Master of Ceremonies; Alabama Coach Gene Stallings was speaker.

'Dogs travel to playoffs

by Jack Clark

Coach Johnye Horton's baseball team will play Greensboro, Area 7 champions, in the first round of the state playoffs at Hillcrest High School Stadium in Tuscaloosa.

The game is scheduled for Saturday (April 26), at 2 p.m.

A win in the first round would make the Bulldogs host to a second game at Johnson Field at UM, May 1, at 3 p.m.

Sports Shorts

Season ends

by Jack Clark

Coach Kevin Raybon's B team (baseball) ended the season with a 7-6-1 record. The season ended early when West Blocton and Shelby County cancelled their games with MHS this week.

The Athletic Boosters will host the 1991 Spring Sports Banquet, Thursday night, May 2, at 6:00.

Track, golf, basketball and baseball teams, along with the cheerleaders, will be honored.

Parents and dates may buy tickets until April 30 for \$8 each in MHS cafeteria.

The event will be held at UM Cafeteria's Montevallo Room.

Senior football players and coaches had pictures taken April 23 for the 1991 football schedule calendar.

Victory brings mixed results

by Mark Segers

Coach Johnye Horton lost his top two pitchers to injuries in a 13-6 state-playoff clinching win over Jemison Thursday, April 12, at Montevallo.

"It was a real shock, but hopefully they'll be able to come back in top shape and compete in the playoffs," said Coach Horton.

The first accident occurred in the second inning when senior Darrick Stallworth was hit in the head by a ball thrown by the catcher to second. Senior Edward Patrick then came in to relieve Stallworth who was riding a 7-0 shutout at the time.

Due to the wet turf, Patrick suffered a shoulder injury when he tangled with a batter enroute to cover first base. Senior catcher Jonathon Scarborough finished the game on the mound.

Montevallo added 5 more runs in the last 4 innings to clinch the playoff spot. Stallworth got the win.

Scoring by Inning:

MHS	2	5	0	0	1	5	x	(13)
JHS	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	(6)

Leading hitters for the 'Dogs were Stallworth, who was 1-1 (a triple) which drove in 3 runs, and senior first baseman Doug Pate who was 3 for 3 with 2 rbi.

Jemison's Bobby Collum had a double and a homerun in three trips to the plate.

"I think we played a good game despite the setbacks we faced," said the injured Stallworth.

'Dogs power post Eagles

by Mark Segers

The Bulldogs scored a game-high 15 runs as they overpowered the 2A Calera Eagles, 15-6, at UM's field, April 11.

Scoring by Inning

MHS	2	0	4	5	4	x	(15)
CHS	2	0	1	2	1	0	(6)

Doug Pate led Montevallo with a double and a single, producing 3 rbi. Freshman Morgan Lawley had 2 singles and scored 3 runs on 3 times at bat.

Other Bulldog hitters were Jason Boyd (1-1); Rodney Craig (1-1); Ed Patrick (1-3) and Andy Polk (1-3).

Catcher Tip Edwards led the Eagles, going 2 for 3.

Senior Jonathon Scarborough was winning pitcher. He had 5 strikeouts in five innings and allowed only one earned run.

Brian Bruce was losing pitcher.

Lawley leads hitters

by Jack Clark

As the Bulldogs go into the state baseball playoffs, freshman Morgan Lawley leads in hitting. With 20 hits in 43 times at bat his average is .465.

The top five averages are listed below:

Morgan Lawley	20/43	.465
Ed Patrick	19/50	.380
Doug Pate	14/46	.309
Andy Polk	12/43	.279
Darrick Stallworth	10/49	.204

Leading B team hitters are as follows:

Carl Montgomery	10/22	.455
Daniel Stobert	11/26	.423
David Potter	15/36	.416
Tyrice Staffney	10/31	.323
DeJuan Chappell	11/37	.297

Tigers clinch area title

by Mark Segers

B.B. Comer handed MHS two consecutive losses, April 12 and 16, winning the area championship. The Tigers pulled off a 2-0 defensive battle at UM's Johnson Field and cruised to a 7-2 victory at Comer.

"They executed more offense and got a little help from errors along the way to pull off the victories," said Coach Johnye Horton.

In a pitchers' duel, Dameian Feffries pitched a 3-hitter in the first contest striking out 12 along the way. Senior Bulldog Edward Patrick, losing pitcher, also allowed only 3 hits while fanning 7.

Catcher Andy Polk, leftfielder Morgan Lawley and Patrick hit safely for Montevallo.

In the second meeting, the Tigers went ahead 3-1 in the first inning and never trailed for the 7-2 win. Patrick was losing pitcher.

Jeffries led Comer at the plate with a double and a solo homerun in three trips. Stallworth (double), Lawley (single) and Pate (single) got MHS's only hits.

Griffin's Garble

Inspiration comes from within

As I was driving along an old rural road contemplating what I could transcribe into the next "Garble," it passed through my reasoning that as I was thinking about everything, and my thoughts proved to be pointless.

I was searching for some sort of creative inspiration. Then somewhere in my jumbled, hopeless thoughts I realized that I should not look for inspiration with my eyes in the sense of sight; but I should watch my mind, like watching a river flow, and observe the way it jumps and flutters while it grapples all the eyes perceive.

Real inspiration will

come from a settled mind, a mind that is not clouded or worried with a certain sense such as sight.

Inspiration originates in the mind and if one expects to capture some sort of creative fancy, he is relying on the fact that something extraordinary and breathtaking will cross his path.

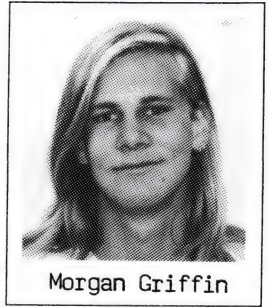
This assumption causes his thought to be utterly cut off and be chained to the things around him. By chance he gazes at something beautiful which presents his mind with an inspiring thought.

Unfortunately his mind will receive only relief and not the full impact

of its beauty because he has sought inspiration from a specific object.

So whenever you come around to looking for some inspiration or creativity in anything, art or just something to talk about--don't worry and cloud your mind by concentrating on sights and sounds--just look inside your spirit and make no effort to focus your thought. Notice the settling of the mind.

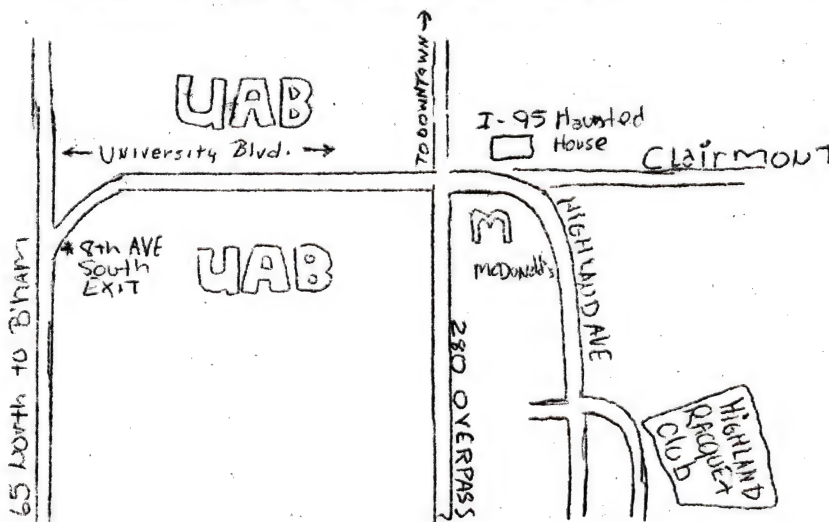
Then there is no judge, evaluator, then your mind is truly capable of capturing beauty and creativity with inspiration.



Morgan Griffin

Map shows way to prom site

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Council sets election rules

by Ann Shepard

Campaigning for Student Council elections will begin May 6 for the positions of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and publicity chairman.

Potential officers must have a cumulative average of 80 and have attended MHS for at least two semesters.

Students running for offices are as follows: Lee Wynn, president (unopposed); John Johnson and Shelly Glenn, vice president; Demisha Williams, secretary (unopposed); Thandi McClain (unopposed); and Devon Wyldega and Brad Goggins, publicity chairman.

Elections will be May 13 following an assembly for campaign speeches.

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GET THOSE LINES RIGHT

Chris Alley (left) Andy Roberts and Tracy Battle rehearse a scene from TELL ME THAT YOU LOVE ME, JUNNIE MOON.

Actors prepare for spring play

by Jason Hughes

The Montevallo High School Players will present "Tell Me that You Love Me, Junie Moon," May 23 and 25 at 7:00 p.m., in the auditorium.

"I think students and parents alike will enjoy the play because it has something in it for everybody," said Chris Alley, a member of the cast.

The two-hour three-act social drama tells the plight of three physically challenged people who try to make it on their own in the real world. The play is described as a "most unusual love story" by its publishers.

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DELILAH ROBINSON

An Instructor Who Cares

Her commitment to academics, love for teaching and concern for all her students is why English and Spanish instructor Delilah Robinson was chosen POPS Teacher of the Month for May.

(See story p. 4)

Hardin to speak at Awards Day

by Melissa Bramer

MHS graduate Greg Hardin ('78) will speak at the 34th annual Awards Day, Friday, May 17, in the auditorium at 9 a.m.

"We're fortunate to get Greg for he is one of our all-time 'top students,' and his advice will certainly be worthy of note," said Awards Day coordinator Susie DeMent.

Class salutatorian, Greg was a Danforth and American Legion winner and was named Rotary Citizen of the Year.

As a SPOTLIGHTer he helped the newspaper win its 31st consecutive semester All-American rating with NSP

His talk will be entitled "Your Best."



GREG HARDIN

Pupils enter History Fair

by Angela Blackmon

Students in geography and world history are taking part in the 2nd annual Geography Fair.

"I feel that the geography projects are a learning experience for the students (as they) can work together and share information," said world geography teacher Barbara Henderson.

Mrs. Henderson's, Tom Hester's and Jim Vakakes's classes are presenting projects on geography, government, history and people from different lands.

Students set up projects yesterday. Food dishes and music from each country will be provided today.

"Participating in the Geography Fair has been a great learning experience, and it has been a lot of fun working with friends," said freshman Jenny Clayton.

The Fair will be open today for student visits.

Scholars compete in state meet

by Ginger Johnston

The Scholars' Bowl team competed in the State Tournament April 18-20 at the University of Alabama.

"Because of the competitors' ability, this was the toughest competition of the year," said junior Lee Wynn.

Montevallo competed against all District champions from all over the state. The MHS team was eliminated after the second round.

"Considering the competition, we did well," said sponsor Geraldine Waitt.

Paper loses helper

The Montevallo community was dealt a great loss by the death of W.P. "Pat" Wyatt, April 27. Mr. Wyatt, owner and operator of Times Printing, published picture pages for SPOTLIGHT for over forty years.



W. P. WYATT

"We are all saddened by the passing of Mr. Wyatt. He has always been a significant, behind the scenes part of SPOTLIGHT," said journalism teacher Larry Haynes.

Mr. Wyatt graduated from MHS in 1946 and was a staff member of THE SPOTLIGHT (a predecessor to the current newspaper) in 1945 and 1946. He later took over Times Printing, a family owned business. Mr. Wyatt shot and set picture pages for SPOTLIGHT and would often work on weekends to help production to meet deadlines.

"We appreciated Mr. Wyatt's hard work on the paper. He always helped us look professional," said copy editor Jason Hughes.

"We credit Mr. Wyatt with much of the success of the SPOTLIGHT. He has helped us develop pictures, produce a standard masthead and do color work. His interest and concern matched that of the advisors and staff. We have indeed lost a dear friend and valuable co-worker," said technical advisor Susie DeMent.

(...Beth Milstead)

Judges select new majorettes

by Laura Alexander

Juniors Joy Draper, head majorette; Heather Sullivan and Casie Williams and freshman Jenny Clayton were selected majorettes for the 1991-92 season at the conclusion of tryouts, April 19.

"We worked very hard to make it to the tryouts, and I learned a lot from the experience," said Clayton.

The girls were judged by three judges on marching, basic twirls and clinic and individual routines.

"Robyn (Lawley) and Rebecca (Kelly) really led a good clinic," said sponsor Delilah Robinson.

It's News Downtown

UM to hold Commencement

The University of Montevallo will hold Commencement Exercises May 11 at Flowerhill at 4 pm.

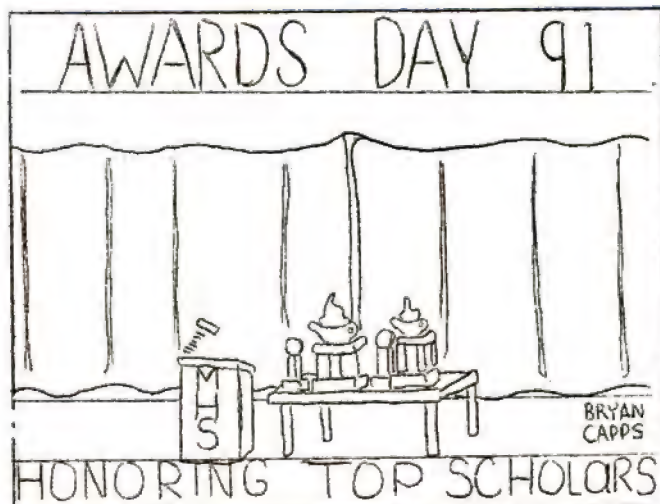
Summer term for UM begins June 10. Students may pre-register now at Palmer Hall for the five weeks session.



Shoal Creek Realty is remodeling the inside and outside of their new location on Main Street.

Anderson Eye Clinic is relocating from Ashville Road to Main Street. The new building is expected to be completed by mid-June.

EDITORIALS



Everyone's a winner

Students of MHS,

Awards Day is for you. This is the day we look at the good things that have come our way during the year and put aside disappointments and failures.

Every student is a vital part of MHS. Coming to class each day, preparing homework and participating in class, supporting and cheering for all who represent our school on various occasions are all parts of making MHS a good place to be; that's what we're celebrating.

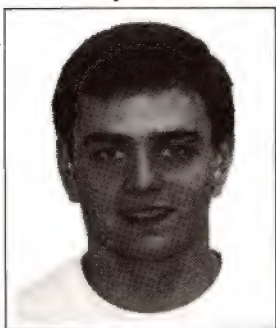
If you receive an award, accept it graciously and humbly; if you do not receive an award, congratulate those who do and strive harder next time.

The faculty, staff and administration take this day to thank you for your cooperation and efforts, your accomplishments and successes. You are loved and appreciated at MHS.

Sincerely,
Susie DeMent

Spread your opinions

Why am I writing this editorial? I



Jason Hughes

don't have more or better opinions and solutions to the world's problems than everyone else. But then again, the people who make all the decisions and should have all the solutions rarely do. You don't have to travel very far to see examples of that.

Anyway, I am writing this. Instead of just giving you one of my opinions on some esoteric topic you may or may not agree. I just have one simple message. Look around yourself, read more, think more.

Develop your own opinions and ideas and spread them around. Then do something about them.

Everyone needs to know the other side of every issue and of all his beliefs, else he cannot truly believe. Even then, there is much to be said for toleration.

That is the whole point of editorials and of newspapers--to make you think. There is a lot more out there than just what shows up.

In memory of a friend

MHS has lost a friend with the passing of W.P. "Pat" Wyatt, who was an unselfish leader of the community as owner of Times Printing Company.

In recognition of over 40 years of service to SPOTLIGHT, we dedicate this issue to him.

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In orientation

MMSers look at school

by Kandi Hall

Eighth graders from Montevallo Middle School toured their future classrooms at MHS during the National Honor Society's annual 8th grade orientation program May 9.

"I think that the visit has been beneficial to prepare these students for high school," said Student Council President Michael McClain.

Students were treated to an orientation session followed by a tour of the buildings, which was concluded by refreshments in the cafeteria.

"It's an exciting time of the year to meet our new 9th graders," said MHS Counselor Colleen Colley.

NHS to hold tapping

by Melissa Bramer

The National Honor Society tapping will be Monday, May 20, in the auditorium.

"The tapping is always a real celebration of student achievement," said Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley.

According to by-laws, qualifications for membership include the following:

Students must have an 85 or above average with no semester grade of F.

The faculty will review the list of qualifiers to evaluate them on leadership, service and character.

Nomination sheets will then be reviewed by National Honor Society Faculty Council which gives final approval.

A reception for new members and their parents will be held following the ceremony.

Four cited in Business Fair

by Renee Damon

Four Montevallo students placed in the Shelby County Business Fair, May 2, at Shelby County High.

"I was very pleased with the winners MHS had, and I was proud of all the projects we entered in the Fair," said business teacher Donna Dickson.

Seniors Renee Damon and Rhonda Coker (representing the Area Vocational Center) won 1st place in the group project category.

Senior Kim Niven earned 2nd place among individual projects and junior Jennifer McKinnon took 3rd place in the poster category.

In addition to receiving trophies, Renee and Rhonda won a \$50 savings bond. The county presented \$25 and \$15 in cash to Kim and Jennifer, respectively.

"Participation in the Business Fair has increased over the last three years. This is made possible largely because of all the businesses that support our program," said Mrs. Dickson.

POPS Teacher

Robinson stays positive

by Marie Hicks

Devoting the past 15 years to teaching English and Spanish classes at MHS, Delilah Robinson has earned POPS Teacher of the Month for May.

"Mrs. Robinson is one of the hardest workers that I know," said Administrative Assistant Carol Knighten. "I believe she cares more for her students than anyone I've ever been associated with."

Teaching for 20 years, Mrs. Robinson's subjects have included basic, standard and advanced English for grades 9, 11 and 12; American History and Spanish. She is currently teaching standard and advanced 9th grade English and Spanish I and II.

"I wanted to teach teenagers because I felt that I could help make positive changes in their lives," said Mrs. Robinson.

She received her Masters Degree from the University of Montevallo and has taught at Chilton County High, West End High and Montevallo Middle School.

"The thing I like best about teaching is when I can provoke a student to think for himself," said Mrs. Robinson. "I get excited when I see that a student understands a concept we've been working on in class."

In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Mrs. Robinson is majorette advisor, sponsors the Spanish Club, works on the faculty Sunshine Committee, and serves as newspaper correspondent.

Griffin's Garble

No solutions offered, just questions

As one reads the succeeding lines, he will see that in the "Garble" there is no story about morals and no worldly problems with solutions--just questions. These are questions and outlooks to which I have no answers, so I will just let them be--THANKS. Do you ever feel that you plan life over and over and never bother to move?

Ever wonder why we are constantly destroying ourselves with pollution, war and greed?

Ever wonder why for someone to be happy someone else must suffer?

Do you know why corporate America does not want us to think?

Have you ever wondered if you're real and the things you do matter or if you're just some figment of some divine dream?

Have you ever awakened and thought that you were not what you were before?

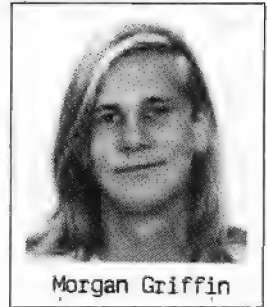
Wonder why everyone wants you to be someone else?

Do you ever feel that a part of you is missing and you do not know just where to begin looking for it?

Do you sometimes wonder if the colors you see are different from the colors everyone else views?

Do you ever feel that the weight of the world lies on your shoulders?

"Why-ask-why"-where would this outlook lead?



Morgan Griffin

Volunteers expand stage

Guest speakers will stand on a more solid footing, Drama students will have more room to act and Agribusiness teacher Tony Berry's classes will no longer have to put up a portable stage for Homecoming leadout.

Parent and student volunteers with assistance from Principal Ken Tatum and maintenance technician Ronald Sessions joined together to expand the stage in the auditorium.

"The stage has been expanded six feet in order for us to be able to keep the curtain closed when we have special guests or assemblies," said Mr. Tatum. Alan Fulton from the central office provided the materials to complete the project.

County officials also plan to have carpet installed in the auditorium in time for Awards Day.

Parent workers include Cecil Dickson, Huey Melvin and Kenneth Wilson; students assisting are Danny Davis, Shane Elliott and Eric Wilson.

Band prepares for final concert

by Laura Thomas

The symphonic band will perform its annual spring concert, May 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Band Boosters will recognize special helpers and band students.

"We have been practicing for six to eight weeks concentrating on this concert," said Band Director Jim Weese.

The band will perform "Die Meister Singer," "William Tell Overture," "Coronation March," "Top Gun Theme" and "The Golden Age of Rock-N-Roll."

Movie Review

"Out for Justice"
Hoover Square 6 (R)

Action film
gets across
anti-drug theme

by Mark Segers

"Out for Justice," directed by John Flynn is the action packed thriller of a Brooklyn cop, Gino Felino, who risks his marriage and his life to track down his boyhood adversary, Richie Madano, a drug crazed hoodlum, responsible for the murder of Gino's best friend.

Steven Seagal, whose other pictures include "Marked for Death" and "Hard to Kill," along with William Forsythe (Raising Arizona), star in the film.

Although I was pleased that the Warner Brothers' production stressed an important anti-drug message, its only real weakness is the film's excessive use of profanity.

I give the movie an A for its variety of martial arts.

SPORTS

'Dogs split playoff games

by Mark Segers

With the baseball team playing in state playoffs for the first time under the present classification system, the Bulldogs, without the services of their number two pitcher, split a pair of games. They defeated the Greensboro Raiders 7-3 and lost to the Daleville War Hawks 8-0.

Senior Ed Patrick struck out 10 batters while giving up only two hits to lead MHS by Greensboro May 1 in Tuscaloosa.

Junior Andy Polk started the scoring when he doubled to score Mike Reid in the second inning.

Freshman Morgan Lawley put the game out of reach in the 7th when he homered to make the count 7-1.

"Ed did a good job on the mound for us. It was great to win our first playoff game," said Coach Johnye Horton.

Score by inning

MHS	0	2	2	1	0	2	7
GHA	0	0	0	0	1	2	3

Polk led Montevallo at the plate against Daleville with a double and two singles in four trips.

Other hitters were Rodney Craig (2-3), Brent Baugh (1-3), Morgan Lawley (1-2), Ed Patrick (1-3), Jonathon Scarborough (1-3), and Lance Gibson (1-4).

"After winning Wednesday, we just didn't get up mentally for the game. I'm still proud of the team for the success this season," said Coach Horton.

Baseball team routs Shelby

by Mark Segers

Seniors Doug Pate, Edward Patrick, Jonathon Scarborough and juniors Rodney Craig and Brent Baugh scored 5 runs in the first inning to lead the Bulldogs to a 9-0 shutout of Shelby County at UM, April 25.

"I thought our players did equally well on offense and defense and executed a good game plan," said Coach Johnye Horton. "We had excellent pitching and productive hitting."

The Bulldogs scored two more runs in the third inning when Patrick and Scarborough singled. Pate and Lawley added 2 more in the fourth to run the count to 9-0.

Leading hitters for the 'Dogs were Pate (2-3, 2 runs and an rbi), and Patrick (3-3--2 singles and a double).

Patrick was winning pitcher, going 4 innings, allowing only 2 hits and walking 2.

"It feels great to have a good pitching game and have a good offense helping out," said Patrick.

Tiger rally downs MHS

by Mark Segers

West Blocton's Tigers scored 10 runs in the last three innings to defeat Montevallo 10-1, April 23, at UM's Johnson Field.

"They're a good ball club, but I felt we should have performed better in the stretch," said Coach Johnye Horton.

Left fielder Morgan Lawley scored MHS's only run in the fourth inning. He tripled and came home on senior Doug Pate's single.

Senior pitcher Jonathon Scarborough was charged with the loss. He was relieved after 5 1/3 innings by Lawley.

SCHS wins season finale

by Jack Clark

The baseball team ended its season as the 5A Shelby County Wildcats upset the Bulldogs 6-4 in the first round of the Shelby County Tournament, May 7, at UM's Kermit-Johnson Field.

Senior Edward Patrick was losing pitcher as he faced 22 batters, walking 2 and striking out 6. He had relief from freshman Morgan Lawley.

Scoring by inning

MHS	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	4
SCHS	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	6

"We had a tough loss in the first round of the tournament; however, we had a winning record and something to build on next year," said Coach Johnye Horton.

Charles Nash was winning pitcher for SCS.

El-Mid News

MMSers
take break

by Brooklyn White

MMS will observe its annual Track and Field Day today. Students will take part in outdoor events, which include individual and team competition.

Eighth graders got a sample of high school life last Thursday during orientation sponsored by the National Honor Society.

The National Junior Honor Society will go to Six Flags over Georgia, May 29-30. The group will remain overnight in Atlanta.

The 7th and 8th grade bands will have a Spring Concert May 28.

MES raised funds for its new library with its annual Book Fair this week.

The elementary school held an Appreciation Coffee Monday, 9-10 a.m., for volunteer parents.

Seventh graders saw the movie Shipwreck at the Montevallo Twin yesterday.

FFA hosts District contests

by Ann Shepard

FFA members Kevin Turner, Doug Rate, Heath Edwards and Scott Fochtmann placed 2nd in livestock judging at District Competition, May 4. County winners, representing nine school systems were among the 400 participants and spectators in the event.

"I enjoyed it; it was well organized. I feel that more of our students should participate in it, especially the Public Speaking Event," said English teacher Barbara Belisle.

Ag teacher Tony Berry hosted the event along

with Principal Ken Tatum, who welcomed visitors, and Brad Goggins, who delivered the invocation.

"I think by me attending it gave me a better appreciation of what FFA means to our school and others in the state," said Mr. Tatum.

Brad, who will be a junior next year, also became a candidate for District officer in West Central District elections, which were held yesterday at Gardendale High School.

Judges from MHS included Mrs. Belisle, English teacher Steve Latham, band director Jim Weese and Mr. Berry.

Choir visits County Festival

by Angelia Blackmon

The MHS choral group attended the Shelby Choral Festival at Calera High School, May 6.

"I feel it was a good experience for the choir in that it gave them a performance opportunity, as well as the chance to hear other newly established choirs," said music teacher Julia Hixson.

A variety of choirs performed and listened to one another during the event.

Trip planned

Science Club members will visit the Marshall Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, May 18.

Campus Notes

13 play with
All-County Band

Thirteen students participated in the All-County Band May 4 at UM's Palmer Hall. All honor band members were excused from school to practice, May 3.

As part of the renovation project, the library received new tables and chairs last week.

The new seating has increased capacity to 40 people. The new tables are smaller and easier to move around, according to librarian Freda Williams.

Actors prepare -- (Cont.)

"This is the most complicated play we have tried since I have been working with the program," said Director Steve Latham. "This is our first full-length play; it demands more work."

The three leading roles are Arthur (portrayed by Chris Alley), J.M. (Dana Goggins) and Warren (Andy Roberts). Supporting actors include Tracey Battle, Ben Boothe, Paul Boyd, Melissa Bramer, Mollis Cottingham, Thandi McClain, Kim Niven, Brandon Pardue and Lee Wynn. Jake Beaty is technical coordinator. Parent-volunteers Susan Glenn and Debbie Sullivan are helping with stage construction.

Admission is \$2 for students; \$3, adults.

Giving an assist

Local businesses support journalism class

Due to the rising cost of producing a bi-weekly newspaper, the following local businesses have pledged financial support to SPOTLIGHT for the 1990-91 school year.

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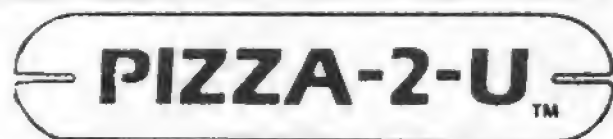
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Awards go to high achievers

by Rebecca Kelly

Greg Hardin, MHS salutatorian of 1978, returned to MHS to deliver the address for the 34th annual Awards Day, Friday, May 17.

In his talk, "Your Best," he stressed the importance of determination and putting forth top effort in all endeavors.

Over 150 students were honored in the event. Among

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GETTING READY FOR GRADUATION

Valedictorian Jason Hughes (left) and Salutatorian Mark Segers look over graduation speeches and discuss Awards Day with senior sponsors Barbara Belisle and Doug Morris (right).

Commencement to be Thursday

by Robyn Lawley

Valedictorian Jason Hughes and Salutatorian Mark Segers will deliver keynote addresses as seniors complete their high school careers, June 6, 7:00 p.m., at University of Montevallo's Palmer Hall.

"I get excited when I see the students get excited about graduation, and I enjoy watching them as they decide their future plans," said Principal Ken Tatum.

Departing from recent graduation ceremonies tradition, there will be no speaker from outside the school. The valedictorian and salutatorian will be the only persons featured.

Administrative Assistant Carol Knighten will name graduates as Mr. Tatum awards diplomas to 83 seniors. Junior Ketwana Valentine will provide special music, and English teacher Larry Haynes will give the invocation.

Throughout Shelby County

Spring exams begin today

by Marie Hicks

All Shelby County students will follow the same schedule this week when exams begin today. (Seniors completed 5th and 6th period exams yesterday and will spend their last day at school tomorrow.)

"This week's schedule includes two morning exams which will allow students to check out with their parents' signature," said Principal Ken Tatum, (See P. 2)



ONE MORE ASSIGNMENT!

Greg Hardin (MHS '78) is together again with former teacher Susie DeMent at the 34th Awards Day.

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To 6.5 percent

Hunt raises proration rate

by Beth Milstead

Due to less than anticipated revenue from state taxes, Governor Guy Hunt has declared Alabama's education budget under 6.5% proration for the 1990-91 school year. This number is an estimate and an exact amount will not be known until the end of the fiscal year, September 30.

"People won't see a great deal of immediate change in Shelby County. Proration this late in the year simply makes it more difficult to start off the next year," said Superintendent Ellie Glasscox.

Shelby County decided in February to go under 5% proration after it was announced that the state would be under approximately 3.7% proration. Because of the extra 1.5%, Shelby County Schools may not be able to increase personnel next school year and will have to cut back on fee replacement money for classrooms.

"I think, right now, we will do everything we can to keep our accreditation standards," said Board of Education Director of Instruction Evan Major.

Hunt increased proration May 4.

NHS taps 21 scholars

by Laura Alexander

The National Honor Society tapped twenty juniors and one senior during a special service, May 20 in the auditorium.

Members were selected on the basis of leadership, scholarship, character, service and for achieving an average of 85 or more with no semester grade of F.

"I'm excited about this large number of new members. It's always exciting to celebrate excellence," said Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley, NHS sponsor.

The NHS tapped senior Carson Burtch. Juniors earning membership were Chris Alley, Maggie Carter, Jack Clark, Ed Davies, Lani George, Shelly Glenn, Cynthia Goldsmith, Dena Harris, Rachel McKinney, Jennifer McKinnon, Gabrielle Metz, Beth Milstead, Amy Morris, Mike Reid, Phillip Reid, Andy Roberts, Paula Stano, Lacey Thomas, Todd Tryon and Devon Wlodyga.

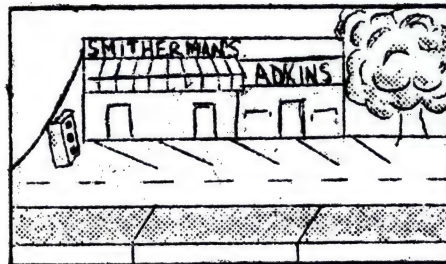
September 3 is opening date

by Marie Hicks

Shelby County Schools will open for the 1991-92 school year September 3.

"The Board of Education allowed county teachers to vote on one of three schedule options for the 1991-92 year. The majority chose starting later and getting out in June," said Principal Ken Tatum.

This is the second year for Shelby County's schools to open the day after Labor Day.



It's News Downtown

Chamber has new leader

Ross Brunson of Land and Oxygen, is the new president of the Chamber of Commerce. Brunson's main goal is "enrichment of life in Montevallo."

A group of local citizens recently formed the Montevallo Heritage Preservation Association, with interest in preserving the city's past.

Catherine Legg is president of the association.

Due to afternoon rains, UM's commencement exercises were held at Palmer Hall, May 11. Because of the size of the crowd, some guests watched graduation via closed circuit television in LeBaron Hall.

EXAM SCHEDULE

JUNE 4, TUESDAY

Homeroom ----- 7:55- 8:05

1st Per. Exam ----- 8:10- 9:30

Break--9:30-9:40

2nd Per. Exam ----- 9:40-11:02

Per. 4, 5 & 6 -- Regular Time

JUNE 5, WEDNESDAY

Homeroom ----- 7:55- 8:05

3rd Per. Exam ----- 8:10- 9:30

Break--9:30-9:40

4th Per. Exam ----- 9:40-11:02

Per. 4, 5 & 6 --- Regular Time

JUNE 6, THURSDAY

Homeroom ----- 7:55- 8:05

5th Per. Exam ----- 8:10- 9:30

Break--9:30-9:40

6th Per. Exam ----- 9:40-11:02

Periods 4, 5 & 6 - Regular Time

EDITORIALS



The decisions start

Being a senior is exciting, frustrating and a little depressing. This being our final year of high school, we all anticipate our future.

Some students will go on to college, while others will begin to search for employment.

You might think this is a happy time for us, but that is not necessarily so.

Yes, we are excited about entering young adulthood, but most of us are a bit scared.

We are so accustomed to going to school each day and having a place to go afterwards that we are nervous about what life will be like without this daily routine.

This is the time when seniors seriously start to think about what to do with the rest of their lives. We reminisce about great times with friends and are saddened at the thought of losing them as we go off on our own following graduation.

But no matter where we go or what we decide to do, the inspirations gained and lessons learned in high school will remain with us always.



Melissa Bramer

Grades still important

As the school year ends, many students look forward to a trip to Florida and summer vacation. Some tend to ease up on their studies, thinking only of graduation. Although the school year is almost over, we encourage students to prepare well for final exams.

Exams began Monday for seniors and start today for underclassmen. The grades one makes on these tests will be important to both college admissions counselors and potential employers.

Therefore, each student should buckle down and do his or her best to end the year on a successful note.

Staff extends thanks

As SPOTLIGHT puts a wrap on its 43rd year of publication, the Staff would like to thank all those who made this paper possible.

To our readers, thank you for purchasing subscriptions and reading the newspaper.

Secondly, we express our gratitude to local businesses who make SPOTLIGHT possible through their contributions to the journalism program and to the Times Printing Company for all their work with us on "picture pages."

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Students act

Montevallo High School Players performed their spring production, "Tell Me that You Love Me, Junie Moon," May 23 and 25.

"I hope everyone enjoyed the play as much as we enjoyed performing it," said Director Steve Latham. "I want to thank the cast, Debbie Sullivan, Susan Glenn and Tony Berry and his group for all their hard work."

The play dealt with the way three people in a hospital helped each other to help themselves.

Honors helpers

Band holds final concert

by Tiffany Brantley

Band Boosters recognized Geraldine Waitt, outgoing color guard sponsor, and Delilah Robinson, who is stepping down as majorette sponsor, for their work, during the symphonic band's annual spring concert, May 30.

Boosters also honored senior band members and outstanding band members.

"I feel very honored that I was recognized along with my fellow band members," said senior Vickie Renfro, who earned All-County honors.

The band performed "Die Meister Singer," "William Tell Overture," "Coronation March," "Top Gun Theme," and "The Golden Age of Rock-N-Roll."

"I was pleased with the concert and the way the students performed the difficult music. It was a fitting way to end the year," said Band Director Jim Weese.

Awards -- (Cont.)

those recognized was Valedictorian Jason Hughes, who was presented the Dean's Select and National Merit Scholarships to Vanderbilt and the Civitan Citizenship Award.

"I felt surprised to receive so many awards and was honored to be recognized in this way," said Jason.

Other students cited included Mark Segers who won the Salutatorian Scholarship to UM; Beth Milstead and Lee Wynn, Girls and Boys State winners; Shane Stoudenmire, DAR and American Legion winner; Cynthia Goldsmith and Mike Reid, Danforth Award recipients; and Doug Pate, winner of the Theron Fisher Award.

Class, All-County and All-State musicians; senior athletes; Presidential Scholars; and scholarship recipients were honored.

Guests included parents, local business leaders and Vocational Center representatives.

Susie DeMent, originator of MHS's Awards Day, conducted the ceremony.

Pictures say it all -- (See P. 5)

1) GOOD CITIZENS ALL-- American Legion Award winners were (back) Shane Stoudenmire, Robyn Lawley and Honorable Mention Doug Pate and Rebecca Kelly.

2) FEMALE SPORTSMAN--Tonya Brown earned a Good Sportsmanship Award.

3) A DESERVING CITIZEN-- Senior Walter Mathews was recipient of the Merchants and Planters Bank "deserving senior" \$50 bond.

4) DEDICATION PAYS OFF--Kathleen Boyd Lathion presents senior Michael McClain the Gamma Phi Delta Scholarship.

5) COLLEGE BOUND--Scholarship winners are (rear) Jason Hughes, Michael McClain and Mark Segers. Seated are Robyn Lawley, Rhonda Coker and Laura Alexander. (Not shown, Jill Bridges)

6) THE TOTAL ATHLETE --Senior Doug Pate displays the Theron Fisher Award which he won as the school's "top athlete."

7) HARD WORK BRINGS REWARD.-- Principal Ken Tatum congratulates Salutatorian Mark Segers on his accomplishments.

8) ANOTHER ACCOMPLISHMENT--Valedictorian Jason Hughes awaits yet another award.

9) MOST ACADEMICALLY FIT-- Presidential Academic Scholars are (left, standing) Renee Damon, Mark Segers, Darrick Stallworth, Lance Ernest, Jason Hughes, Shannon Fletcher and Melissa Bramer.

Seated are (left) Robyn Lawley, Rhonda Coker, Laura Alexander, Kim Barefield and Rebecca Kelly.

10) SCHOLAR ATHLETES--Shannon Fletcher and Tonya Brown were awarded Scholar Athlete Awards by the Army Reserve.

11) OUTGOING TWIRLERS-- Senior majorettes Angelia Blackmon, Crystal Minor, Robyn Lawley and Rebecca Kelly pose together one last time.

12) ATHLETIC LEADERS-- Graduating senior athletes who received plaques denoting years of service, include (from rear) Doug Pate, Ed Patrick, Richie Hamer, Shannon Fletcher, Jason Hughes and Cedric Fields.

(Seated) Tonya Brown, Jonathon Scarborough, Lance Ernest, Paul Johnson, Kacy Henderson, Darrick Stallworth and Shane Stoudenmire.

Awards Day spotlights outstanding seniors

Seniors who gave their best through twelve years of school were honored for their achievements during the 34th annual Awards Day ceremony. These students were recognized for success in academics, citizenship and athletics.

(Pictures identified P. 4)



Pictures document day -- (See P. 7)

1) **MASTERS OF MUSIC**--Band Director Jim Weese (left) stands with top musicians in each class: junior Mike Reid, sophomore Kathy Weese, and freshman David Potter. Seated are senior John Philip Sousa Award co-winners, Corey Mitchell and Michael McClain.

2) **FUTURE WORLD TRAVELER**--Junior Devon Wlodyga displays his ribbon for placing in the top 2% on the National Geographical Current Events contest.

3) **OFF TO A GREAT START**--Freshmen Baye Taff, Jenny Clayton and Baker Lawley earned all A's during their first year of high school.

4) **JUNIOR LEADERS**--Because of their leadership potential, 11th graders (left) Lee Wynn and Lani George (Honorable Mention), along with Cynthia Goldsmith and Mike Reid (winners) earned the Danforth Award given for excellence of character in school.

5) **A TOUCHING TRIBUTE**--Band Booster Connie Wilson presents freshman Bryan Capps the first Melinda Capps Memorial Award. Named for Bryan's mother, the award goes to the marching band student who shows dedication, improvement and outstanding character.

6) **POLITICAL AMBITIONS?**--Juniors Beth Milstead and Lee Wynn were chosen Boys and Girls State representatives.

7) **SCHOOL LETTERS AREN'T JUST FOR ATHLETES**--Senior Jason Hughes along with juniors Beth Milstead, Lani George and Mike Reid display their school letters awarded for earning all A's for one year.

8) **PARENTS HELP**--Athletic Booster President Wayne Davis awaits recognition as one of nine parents cited for service to MHS.

9) **ALWAYS PRESENT**--Rebecca Lucas, Jennifer Nalley and Walter Mathews received perfect attendance awards. In addition, Walter has not missed a day in 12 years.

10) **MUSIC PLEASE**--A brass ensemble began Awards Day with the "Star Spangled Banner."

11) **ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP**--Among parents recognized for service to the school were (front left) Connie Wilson, Becky Albritton and Susan Glenn; (back) Kenneth and Eric Wilson, Patti Hughes and Marcia Bridges.

Cheerers study

The 1991-92 cheerleaders will learn new cheers and dances at the Universal Cheerleading Association Camp at the University of Montevallo, June 16-19.

"We will learn a lot of new cheers and stunts that will help our squad in the coming year," said junior Mollis Cottingham.

El-Mid News

Honor group visits Atlanta

The National Junior Honor Society made a trip to Atlanta, May 29-30. They visited Six Flags, CNN Headline News Department and the Cyclorama.

Ms. Jane Clayton is sponsor of NJHS.

MMS held its annual band concert May 28 at the MHS auditorium.

The MMS annual Awards Day was May 31. The event, planned by Ms. Linda Lazar, was held in the gym.

The elementary school will celebrate Awards Day June 6 in its gym.

Due to unfinished construction work, the 5th grade will not get to visit MMS for orientation as the class is accustomed to doing.

The 4th graders held their "International Fair," May 21 at the MES gym.

Fifth graders performed "Salute to Disney" as their annual play, May 31.

May 24 was "Party Night" for kindergarteners.

Campus Notes

UM to administer ACT

The University of Montevallo will host ACT testing June 8 in Bloch Hall.

MONTALA staff members will attend summer camp, July 15-17 at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

Band Director Jim Weese will hold marching band

camp beginning August 5.

Trade school students will not have to stay at school after completing exams.

As part of renovation, county workers will lay carpet in the auditorium during the summer.

Students earn recognition for excellence

Montevallo High School took time to honor students for their contributions to the school through accomplishments and to recognize adults who perform special services for the school at the 34th annual Awards Day.

(Pictures identified P. 6)



Glasscox, Rogers look to change of duties

The Shelby County School System stands at a crossroads as a change of leadership will take place during the summer. SPOTLIGHT reporter Beth Milstead interviewed both the incumbent and the superintendent-elect to reveal their goals and accomplishments as both leaders plan to seek the best for Shelby County Schools.

Rogers plans for next year

• by Beth Milstead

Superintendent-elect Norma Rogers has a comprehensive plan for Shelby County Schools. To carry through with this plan, she intends to restructure the current program in hopes to make schools more "interesting."

Dr. Rogers opened the interview by asking, "What can we do to make the schools inviting and be the type school which students would want to attend? . . . A school that has a lot going on."

According to Dr. Rogers, the mission of Shelby County School System is to commit itself to the provision for quality education for each child in Shelby County using all available resources. In order to create this environment, Rogers has set up a variety of committees in seventeen program areas.

The committees include at-risk students/remediation, tech prep, community education, ecology/recycling, invitational schools, staff/substitute teachers, health care/nurses, restructuring, health/PE/athletics, global education, technology, humanities, instructional planning/techniques, math, crisis planning, communications and science.

"We need to think beyond what has always been done,"

(Cont. P. 9)



DR. NORMA ROGERS

After more than thirty years as teacher and administrator, Norma Rogers will assume her duties as Superintendent of Education, July 1, 1991.



ELLIE B. GLASSCOX

With two terms as Superintendent of Shelby County's Schools completed, Ellie B. Glasscox will move on to new things, July 1.

Glasscox reflects on past

by Beth Milstead

After eight years as head of Shelby County School System, Ellie B. Glasscox will step down from his position as Superintendent, July 1. Mr. Glasscox was defeated in the October 1990 elections by Dr. Norma Rogers.

"You never do everything that you'd like to do, but I feel we have many things to be proud of because of a lot of hard work by the students, faculties and parents," Mr. Glasscox said.

Under his administration all schools in the county met state accreditation, two new schools were completed and two are under construction, and over 6,000 students in Shelby County are now participating in academic competitions.

One of Mr. Glasscox's goals was to remove all portable classrooms from the campuses. He hopes the new administration will continue with this plan. He also hopes that with funding, more hi-tech and computer literacy courses can be offered to all students.

"Due to lack of space, for one reason, and certainly

(Cont. P. 9)

Griffin's Garble

Look behind those false faces

Since this is the last Garble you will see for a while, I would like to begin with thanks to anyone who has reveled in reading this column or has likewise thrown me out with the trash.

I would also like to dedicate this finale to my close-minded friends. Without you this wheel couldn't roll, and even if it could, it wouldn't be worth it.

Furthermore, I save a special and most deserved thanks to Larry Haynes and Susie DeMent for their sup-

port of my efforts, and most of all, their everlasting patience.

Now, I'd like to make my exit by spewing forth just a few more words.

Behind the face of the one you trust, you better look again.

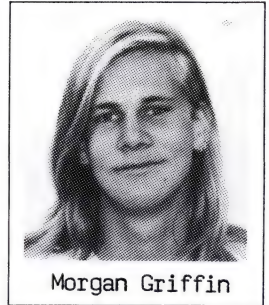
You see, there are more than a few who believe that two wrongs make a right and have no respect for trust and the value of friendship. During these hard times false faces need to be looked at again.

I am not telling you to distrust or question

your friends, for if you're lucky, you probably have some special people worth having faith in.

So, next time you stare at my face and notice the offered emptiness, stop and wonder about the machine I am and if you can tolerate my ways.

THANKS AGAIN!



Morgan Griffin

MOVIE REVIEW, Oscar (Bama 6, Galleria 10, Festival 12)

Stallone bombs in 'Oscar'

by Beth Milstead

Sylvester Stallone takes another stab at comic acting in John Landis' Oscar. Stallone is Angelo "Snaps" Provolone, a former gangster and bootlegger who is trying to restore his family name.

Set in the 1920's, the story chronicles the morning Snaps decides to turn over a new leaf. Starting with breakfast, problems begin to arise right and left for him. First, his daughter (Ornella Muti) informs him she is pregnant. While dealing with this, Snaps tries to prepare to meet with local bankers to invest in their bank. Meanwhile, he is under police surveillance and gangsters are trying to kill him. Stallone's try at comedy fails again. I give the movie a D.

GRIFFIN'S ADDENDUM

Remember--These are hard, burdensome times,

And the world won't stop because of you.

Power is within yourself, So live strong

And keep yourself together.

Glasscox -- (Cont.)

funding hasn't enabled us to have the equipment and the staff necessary to offer some of the more advanced computer related courses," he said.

Now that Mr. Glasscox has completed his term, he wants to be able to continue working in the Shelby County School System.

He says he has enjoyed all 23 years that he has worked in the county.

"I hope to be able to stay on with the school system if the Board and the new Superintendent can find some way that they feel I can still benefit the students of the Shelby County Schools," said Mr. Glasscox.

Rogers plans ahead -- (Cont.)

said Dr. Rogers.

One program that will be piloted in Montevallo is the tech prep program. This program, which consists of mass communications, applied physics and principles of technology, will prepare students for a technical college or for a two-year associate degree program.

"I have always thought that Montevallo schools should be the center of the county, to direct the rest of the schools," said Dr. Rogers.

Another idea Dr. Rogers has for Shelby County is involving administrators in the instructional process. She feels that if principals are in the classroom they will see some of the problems teachers have.

Dr. Rogers earned her doctorate in school administration from the University of Alabama.

Coaches forecast successful year in sports

Raybon looks for leaders

by Coach Kevin Raybon

Experience, by far, will be the strength of next year's baseball team, with pitching and offensive play the weaknesses.

To be a successful team next year the players need to play in a summer baseball league and attend summer baseball camps. The seniors must be willing to step forward and assume the leadership roles on the team. The team must also work to form a cohesive group with good work ethics during winter workouts and be ready to give 110% when we hit the field in the spring.

If the young men will pay the price to do these things, MHS will be very well represented and very competitive during the 1992 baseball season.

Bishop returns veteran team

by Coach Dot Bishop

Coming off an area championship and a sub-state appearance the '92 Lady Bulldogs will have some team leadership as all 13 volleyball team members return.

We should perform better next season if we can have better practices, correct our mistakes and get some real team leadership.

A complete schedule has not yet been finalized, but we have some tough opponents. If we work hard enough, we should have another good year and possibly go farther in the playoffs.

The girls who will be playing next year are Tracey Battle, Erica Burns, LaRie Coleman, April Crocker, Latoria Edwards, LaShawn Fulgham, Lea Gaddis, Tonya Houser, Karen Junkins, Kerie Junkins, Audra Rutledge, Becky Snow and Rachel Stano.

For basketball in '91 - '92'

Pierson has high expectations

by Coach Bobby Pierson

The 1991-92 Bulldog basketball season will be another year of rebuilding. Only one starter, Mike Jones, returns. Lost to graduation are Lance Ernest, Shannon Fletcher, Kacy Henderson, Doug Pate, Edward Patrick, Darrick Stallworth and Vealance Watts.

However, the returning players got in a lot of playing time, and we hope the team can get things together to contend for an area title.

Along with Jones, Jason Whitehurst and Rick Shack should be key players for us next year.

I'm looking forward to the upcoming season with high expectations, and I think the team is too.

Vakakes: We will be better

by Coach Jim Vakakes

Last season was a difficult year for us. We had some great kids who played hard every Friday. But on the bright side, we lose only 10 seniors from the team --although we will miss them tremendously.

We had a very good spring, beating Calera in our spring game, 27-6.

We open with Calera on September 6; and they, as usual, will be a tough opponent.

This year's team will have 15 seniors, and hopefully this will help us as we strive to make the playoffs. If we can keep everyone healthy, 1991 could be a great year for MHS.

Ladies' coach aims for state.

by Coach Johnye Horton

Girls basketball for 1991-92 should be exciting. This year's team, coached by Jim Vakakes, had a good season. Only one player graduates.

Our schedule is a challenging one, especially with 6A schools Homewood, Vestavia, Thompson and Pelham included.

A 20-game schedule will allow the team to develop as they move toward the state playoffs.

We're going to work hard and long. Our goal is to win the county tournament, have a winning season and make it to the final four at state.

Coaches say: 'Tigers tops'

by Mark Segers

B.B. Comer of Sylacauga is the coaches' favorite 'to win the Area 7, Class 4A football title according to SPOTLIGHT's spring poll.

Even though Comer lost All-State tight end Damien Jeffries and Auburn-bound Willie Jones, Coach Bobby Overton's Tigers earned two of three first place votes as pre-season favorite.

"We had a good season in '91, but Montevallo and Jemison are returning some strong athletes and should be more experienced," said Coach Overton who picks his team to finish last.

MHS received two second place and a third place vote for a predicted second place finish. Coach Jim Vakakes feels Comer and Jemison will vie for the championship.

"They're both experienced, but Comer is strong and is returning some key players who helped them to the play-offs in '91," said Coach Vakakes.

Jemison Coach Dwight Gray picked his own team to finish last, citing graduation of key players.

Area 6, 4A, Coaches Poll

	1st	2nd	3rd
BB Comer -----	2	0	1
Montevallo ----	0	2	1
Jemison -----	1	1	1

PIERSON HOLDS CLINIC

Coach Bobby Pierson led 28 players through a basketball clinic, May 13-23. Because of grades and eligibility questions, final cuts for varsity and B team will be next fall.



BASEBALL STANDOUTS

Coach Johnye Horton (left) stands with Morgan Lawley (All-County), Doug Pate (East-West All-Stars) and Edward Patrick who won both honors.

Trio earn baseball honors

by Jack Clark

Three Bulldogs won post season honors at the conclusion of the 1991 baseball season. Freshman Morgan Lawley and senior Ed Patrick were selected for the All-County team. In addition, Patrick and senior Doug Pate were chosen to participate in the annual East-West All-Star Game, May 19, at Clanton.

"I was honored and overjoyed to be selected to the All-County team my freshman year," said Lawley, who led the 'Dogs in batting (.414) this season.

Lawley had 2 homeruns, 6 doubles and 3 triples in the power department. Patrick was the ace pitcher with a 5-4 record, 33 strikeouts and a 1.24 era.

"Ed and Morgan were deserving of the All-County honors," said Coach Johnye Horton.

Pate, MHS's third leading hitter earned a .306 average and led the team in rbi (17).

"The All-Star game was a nice reward for Ed and Doug. Those two guys have contributed to MHS baseball for four years," said Horton.

Bulldogs face busy summer

by Jack Clark

The 1991 football team will start their off-season program June 17 in preparation for their season opener September 6 with the 2A Calera Eagles at Theron-Fisher Stadium.

"I'm real excited about our chances next year. I can't wait to get started," said Junior Danny Reid.

The 'Dogs will hit the field in full stride with helmets and pads on August 12.

Head football Coach Jim Vakakes says he expects a good year "if we can keep everybody healthy."

(Schedule P. 12)

Changing sports

Horton switches to basketball

by Jack Clark

In an effort to ease his spring schedule and enable him to spend more time with his church and family, Coach Johnye Horton is changing coaching duties for next year. Stepping down as head baseball coach, Horton will take over the girls basketball program from Coach Jim Vakakes who finished out last season following Coach Mike Bramlett's going to Homewood.

"I'm going to miss baseball next year, but I'm excited about being able to coach the girls next season," said Coach Horton, who will still work with JV football in the fall.

B-team Baseball Coach Kevin Raybon will step up and coach the varsity next year. He brings five years of head baseball coaching experience, having led teams at Dallas County to the state playoffs.

"I'm looking forward to the task at hand," said Coach Raybon.

Donnie McKee wins the bronze

by Rebecca Kelly

Sophomore Donnie McKee earned a bronze medal in the state level of Special Olympics May 17-19 at Fort Rucker in Montgomery.

"I was just happy that I made it to state and could win a medal," said Donnie.

Donnie will represent MHS at the National Special Olympics in July.

JV's practice

by Renee Damon

Coaches Johnye Horton and Richard Colley held junior varsity spring training May 20-24.

Boys in grades 6, 7 and 8 participated in the work at the high school.

"We have a good group of players returning from last year that should give us some positive leadership," said Coach Horton.

BULLDOG FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Here is the Bulldogs' football slate for 1991.

Sep. 6	2A Calera	H
13	6A Pelham	T
20	4A Pleasant Grove	T
27	3A Vincent	T
Oct. 4	5A Bibb Co.	T
11	4A Jemison (Area)	H
18	3A Chelsea	H
23	Dallas Co.	H
	(Homecoming)	
Nov. 1	4A BB Comer (Area)	H
8	5A Shelby Co.	T

Majorettes get Gator Bowl 'bid'

by Angelia Blackmon

After two successful years of twirling at Birmingham's All-American Bowl, the majorettes received an invitation from Gator Bowl officials. The group has been asked to perform during halftime at the Gator Bowl game in Jacksonville, Fla., December 29, 1991.

"I'm excited. Going to the Gator Bowl will be a great experience," said head majorette Joy Draper.

Other squad members are junior Heather Sullivan, sophomore Casie Williams and freshman Jenny Clayton.

2 go to State

Freshman Brandon Adams and junior James Williams competed in track at State at Troy State University.

"I'm proud of the two. They represented us well," said Coach Bobby Pierson.

Williams finished 4th in the 220 meter run and recorded a long jump of 19 ft., 10 in. Adams was 7th in the mile run.

Mike's Gym opens in town

The fitness craze that is sweeping the nation is prospering in Montevallo at Mike's Fitness Center on Island Street.

Mike's Fitness Center offers weightlifting and low and high impact aerobics as well as Wolff Tanning Beds.

Aerobics instructor Kerrie Bailey holds classes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes cost \$20 a month. At the Tanning Center, Mike's offers a package deal of 300 minutes on the tanning bed for \$35 or \$40 a month for unlimited tanning time.

The gym is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and the tanning center is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Persons interested in joining may call 665-7900.

Six graduates earn scholarships

by Kandi Hall

Six 1991 graduating seniors will attend colleges or universities on scholarship next year.

Valedictorian Jason Hughes has accepted the Dean's Select Scholarship and a National Merit Scholarship to Vanderbilt. Other scholarships offered Jason were a Bryant-Jordan Scholarship, the Birmingham Post Herald All-State Academic Scholarship, to the University of Montevallo and the Class Alumni Scholarship from Rice University.

"I am very excited about attending Vanderbilt next fall. I am sure it will be a very rewarding experience," said Jason.

The University of Montevallo has granted Salutatorian Mark Segers its Valedictorian/Salutatorian Scholarship.

"I was very honored and pleased that the University recognized me. I hope I can work to my potential

and earn the honor every year," said Mark.

Student Council President Michael McClain received the George C. Wallace Scholarship from Troy State as well as an academic tuition scholarship to University of Montevallo, the Enrodes Business Scholarship to the University of Tennessee and the Gamma Phi Delta Scholarship.

Jill Bridges won the county's Education Association's scholarship to UM.

MHS's Awards Day Schol-

arship to UM went to Robyn Lawley, who will graduate third in her class.

"I am very appreciative, and this will help me financially in college," said Robyn.

In addition, Rhonda Coker earned the Achievement Scholarship from Bessemer State Technical School.

"The scholarships were well deserved and represent a lot of hard work," said Guidance Counselor Colleen Colley. "We are proud of our seniors."



Junior parents to host reception

Junior class parents will host the annual reception for graduating seniors and guests in the high school auditorium immediately after the graduation ceremony.

Sue Melsoni, cafeteria manager, will prepare punch. Junior girls will serve.

Approximately 15 mothers helped plan the reception.

Summer classes set for Pelham

Pelham High School will host summer school, grades 6-12, June 12-July 30, for make up and enrichment work.

Cost for one semester is \$125; both semesters, \$225. Out of county students will pay \$150 per semester.

Students may get applications in Mrs. Colley's office.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS

As seniors leave MHS

Survey reveals future plans

by Rebecca Kelly

Approximately forty percent of the 1991 graduating class plans to continue education at a college or university according to a SPOTLIGHT post-graduation survey.

Thirteen '91 graduates will attend a junior college while others plan to enter technical schools.

"I think technical school is going to be a lot different from high school, and I'm looking forward to it," said Rhonda Coker.

Six seniors will enter military service.

"I'm looking forward to joining the Marines because I feel it will help me later in life," said Tommy Forrest.

Senior Robyn Lawley plans to attend the University of Montevallo for four years and go on for her law degree at the University of Alabama.

"College is a big step for me, and in order to achieve my goals, I know that I will have to work extremely hard. I'm looking forward to it," said Robyn.

Most students plan to take a trip after graduation, with Florida as the most popular destination. Other vacation areas include New York; Cleveland; Colorado; Tennessee; Washington, D.C.; and Hawaii.

Farewell Ads

Tuesday, June 4, 1991



CHAD,

So this is it! I hope the decisions you make bring you happiness. No matter what, I will always love you.

CHRISTY

MISTY,

We are glad this year is over so we don't have to see your ugly face in homeroom.

A and B

MC, ME, GM, JM, RM, JP, PS and LT,

Though I can't be around you guys all next year, I wish you the best at the games and competitions. I LOVE YOU ALL.

Christi

BOO,

You have helped me realize what kind of person I want to be. Thank you for being you.

I LOVE YOU.

Paul Johnson



MRS. R.,

It saddens your heart, this new chance to begin. It will make you blue until we meet again.

I LOVE YOU,

Christina

AB, JD, CM, RL, RB, RK, JO, MH and LD,

I want to wish you all the best of luck! You are all very special to me! I LOVE Y'ALL.

Kandi

MAJORETTES,

We will always think of you as special. Good luck, next year in whatever you do. Remember we LOVE YOU ALL.

Mr. and Mrs. R.

FRIENDS,

These are our last days together and maybe my last time to say goodbye. If so, know that I remember!

GINGER JOHNSTON

RL, JO, CM, KH, JD, AB, RH, LE, JS, and LD,

I will always love all of you! GOOD LUCK ALWAYS!

Rebecca



GRAVEDIGGER,

You're an OK guy, but I still hope you die. Buzzard rules.

Mark Segers

REBECCA and JENNIFER,

Remember the laughter, the memories and all the obstacles we have overcome. We made it "in the long run."

ROBYN

ANGELIA B.,

I am so glad that we became good friends. I will miss you, and I wish you the best of luck.

LOVE YOU, Heather H.

KP, RD, RC, KB and DG,

Y'all have been great friends, and I will miss you! Stay in touch!

LRA



MY FRIENDS,

I'm going to miss you guys next year. I wish you luck in anything you do.

LOVE,

Tiffany

MISS DeMENT,

Thank you for all your hard work. Miss you next year.

MARK SEGERS



JEN and ROBYN,

Thank you for making my senior year so great!

I LOVE YOU!

Rebecca



OSCAR,

I hope this good-bye isn't forever. You will always be in my heart, and I'm waiting for you to smile again.

FOREVER AND ALWAYS, Sally

RACHEL,

I've had lots of fun with you over the years even though we weren't that close at the start. SEE YOU IN THE FUTURE!

I Love You,

Jonathan



MARLI ERWIN,

To my special girl I leave a lot of smiles and all the great times we've spent in high school. Remember all the special dreams and that I'll always LOVE YOU.

Richie Hamer

CLASS OF '91,

Peace to all my homies and home girls. c.c. Robyn L., Tiffany B., and Demetrius P., I love y'all! Also Donita H.

M & M

SPOTLIGHT Seniors,

Thanks for coming up with all the good news and for a great year.

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